HISTORY

Of the Most Renowned KNIGHT,

Amadis of Greece,

Surnam'd, The

Knight of the Burning Sword

Son to *Lisvart* of *Greece*, and the Fair *Oneloria* of *Trebisond*.

Representing his Education in the Court of King *Magelon*, [illegible] Conquering of the [illegible] Giantess, his Combat with his Grandfather [illegible] Emperor *Perion*, his Killing Ferumbras the Giant, and falling [illegible] Love with Lucela, Daughter to Almansor King of Bitalia, his Arrival [illegible] the Isle of Mirandaine, where he pierces Rhetor the Enchantments of Queen [illegible] his Assisting his Great-Grandfather King Gandalin in the Relief of the [illegible] Widows, and in respect to him, taking on himself the Name of [illegible] of Greece: Together with the Rare and Noble Enterprises of [illegible] Lucaneo, Gyantomart Son to the King of the Giants Island, Esplandian [illegible] to the King of Spain, and many other Noble Knights and Gallant [illegible] dies: All to his Honour, than Pleasure.

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CHAP. I.

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THREE

THREE years old, of a singular Perfection in Beauty. Having according to their manner done their Reverence to Magadan, one of them spake thus: Sir, the two Brethren, that flow Your Coffers, [illegible] to all humility at Your Majesty's Feet, beseeching You to accept of this Child, who, besides the excellency of his Person, has brought from his Mother's Wombe a marvellous Sign. Child [illegible], slipping off a little pretty Taffety Coat, which on, they have [illegible] all that were present, a [illegible] as red as Fire, the Ground proceeding from his left side, and the Point terminating near his Navel, [illegible] white Characters, which were then unknown to any, even to Mandalin himself, tho there were in that Age few who remain'd put to Learning. [illegible] pleas'd with to Fair a Prelude, and much more wondering at the [illegible] Sword the Child had on his Body, would have him call'd the Gentleman of the Burning Sword, giving him at that very moment to his Man Pinadin, who thereafterwards so greatly affected him, that he made him his Friend self, so that one of them could not live without the other, mutually exercising themselves in all Virtuous Actions.

Pass before I pass my Discourse, I desire you understand, that this Gentleman being that very Child, whereof you find it Recorded in the 8th Book of Amadis of Gaul, Gariodes, one of Omoforo's Servants, left on the Bank of the River, and he [illegible] carrying him to the Port of Finis in Scotia, [illegible] Kings [illegible] Coffers into their Vessel, he was brought up by them, till they presented him to King Magadan, who on this occasion not only forgave them his Coffers wealth, for which they were [illegible], but also bestow'd on them many great Benefits; [illegible] was the Gentleman of the Burning Sword, who, growing up, became so fair and gentle a Servant, that at Eight years of Age he was taken [illegible] Attendant. To [illegible] Pinadin [illegible] Companion, [illegible] could not be without him. They were both [illegible] in all good Literature, as [illegible] Gentlemen of their Age [illegible] Sword, [illegible] Pinadin [illegible] Gentleman, being a Stranger, was [illegible] by a great Bear, and delivered from Death by the Gentleman of the Burning Sword.

[illegible] Pinadin, the King of Sabe having taken the Ladies to be Queens in the [illegible] Sword [illegible] Pinadin [illegible] Sabe [illegible] Sword [illegible]

[illegible] with the [illegible] of the Horses, and sound of the Trumpets, sought where they [illegible]. Don Magadan was at that time accompany'd only by the Gentleman of the Burning Sword, and [illegible] in a [illegible] Garment, to try, [illegible] out of the Castle, and ran to assault him; but the Bear [illegible], that he brake his Jaws, and [illegible] who wounded him with his Boar-Spear. But the Bear [illegible] the King, [illegible] pulling out the Spear out of his hands, he clos'd with him, and threw him on the ground. The Gentleman seeing this, ran speedily to help the King, and drawing out a Wood-Knife, which hung at his Girdle, gave the Bear so great a blow, that he almost cut off his Leg. The Bear finding himself wounded, let go the King, and very angrily ran upon the Gentleman, who, [illegible] lifting up his Arm, struck him with so great force between the Ears, that he [illegible] him dead [illegible].

This done, as he return'd to help up the King, he perceiv'd coming towards him a great Lion, roaring, and bearing between his Teeth a Child about two Years old, who cry'd with a loud voice: Alas, Gentleman of the Burning Sword, pray help me, which your Father would not refuse to do, were he here in your place.

[illegible] the Beast immediately falling dead on the Grass. The Gentleman then look'd about to see what was become of the Child he had succour'd, and espying him run along a Path, made after him, that he might get him to declare what knowledge he had of him. Having then overtaken the Child, he very affectionately ask'd him, how [illegible]: For you [illegible] affirm'd to the Gentleman, that had my Father been present, he [illegible] have fail'd to assist you, than I have done.

The young Child, hearing him speak thus, smilingly return'd him this Answer: Indeed, Gentleman, you are [illegible] to resemble him, tho' you are [illegible] greater Honour for your [illegible] and Chivalry, than any one [illegible] you; for the [illegible] your self to make any further Enquiry, else you will but lose your labour. This done, he immediately [illegible] the Gentleman [illegible] at which not a little [illegible] at what he [illegible].

Being now [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] whom he [illegible]

then

turn'd back to the King, whom finding sorely bruis'd, and wounded in his Thighs and other Parts of his Body, by the Clutches of the Bear, he (with Tears in his Eyes) ask'd him, how he did? Magadan, who had curiously observ'd the Gentleman, as well in his Combat with the Bear, as with the Lion, graciously answer'd him: Indeed, my Friend, I am much better than I lately expected, thanks to our Gods and You: So that never was Education better bestow'd, than that I have given you, seeing the Hazard you have put your self in to deliver me; which makes me throughly sensible, that Virtue, once firmly planted, is never lost.

Sir, said the Gentleman, there is no doubt, but that Virtue is understood only by Virtue; and yet I well know, that I can never all my life satisfy the Benefits I have already receiv'd of your Majesty. Nevertheless, I humbly pray our great God, Sir, either to grant me the Favour, that my Power may one day correspond with my Will, and then shall be clearly manifested the Desire I have to obey and serve your Majesty. But Sir, I think it convenient to look for some of your Huntsmen, or some others, that may carry you into the Town; for as far as I can perceive, the Bear has dealt very roughly with you.

I desire you so to do, reply'd the King. Then the Gentleman [illegible] and found Fulortin and some other Gentlemen, who, being [illegible] within their Palace, were [illegible] and [illegible] of their Horses. [illegible] immediately to him, whom they found in a very weak Condition, by reason of the Blood he had lost. However, he [illegible] related to them what had happened, telling 'em, that had it not been for the assistance given him by the Gentleman of the Burning Sword, he was in great danger of losing his life, [illegible] he had been torn by the fell paws of the Bear. Then putting him in a Litter, they carry'd him to the City of Saba, where he was [illegible] all [illegible] the Queen, [illegible] from that very moment [illegible] esteem'd the Gentleman, than if he had been her own Son.

CHAP. III.

How Fulortin and the Gentleman of the Burning Sword were made Knights by King Magadan, and how [illegible], stimulated by Envy, falsly accus'd the Queen [illegible].

Magadan having been in this manner deliver'd by the Gentleman of the Burning Sword, had from that time as great an Affection for him, as if he had been his own Son; especially after he had recounted to him the Adventure he had with the Cubs of the Lion; whence the King imagined in his Fancy, that he must be descended from Persons of the highest Quality. He therefore made him ordinarily sit at his own Table, next to his Son Fulortin, giving him [illegible] Gentleman, nam'd Ysseril, to wait upon him, and be always near his Person. Thus pass'd [illegible] some years, till the Gentleman, belov'd both by Great and Little, was

[illegible] in the Age of Fourteen, being for that Day's, and manly, that it seem'd to be above Sixteen.

Now it happened, that Fulurtin, who was a little Elder than he, being an Accomplish'd and Gallant Prince, requested the King to give him the Order of Knight [illegible] he readily condescended. The Gentleman of the Burning Sword, [illegible] Fulurtin, and receiving this Honour, made any thing in the World, subject [illegible] Magadan for [illegible], who knowing the Signatures of his courage, [illegible] love to dare him, and not to make Question, the Sincerity of his Prayers, as the Effects of his Passion, did wonderfully content, that Fulurtin ought be made [illegible] in Arms to that he gave them both the Order, with [illegible] according to the Custom of keeping the Ceremonies, the Feast continued the space of Fourteen Days, during which, Magadan, Sent to out of the Queen of Saba, came to Court, to be with his Friend Fulurtin. He had not been long there, [illegible] jealous, and envious of the Honour, the King did the Knight of the Burning Sword, that falling into a deep Melancholy, he was generally thought to be sick. And the more this Pollion grew in his heart, the more did he fear to [illegible] the Knight of the Burning Sword, [illegible] Kindness, which when he could not [illegible] to do, he was left poorly to wait away like Snow before the heat of the Sun.

Now some time after, Magadan, leaving the Queen of Saba, went to visit a Town of his call'd Tertyna, during whose Absence, the good Lady [illegible] herself one [illegible] with the Knight of the Burning Sword, Fulurtin and Magadan, who [illegible] with the length of the Court, went to it, and left them [illegible] Fire, after some Stay, in which the Queen pay the Ultimate, &c, who [illegible] for him, against whom he slay'd, as her own Son, as well [illegible] Unreasonable, as for the Welcome he had given the King, when he [illegible] [illegible] that order him as he was passing, made him sit down to be on the [illegible] together, without the least thought of provoking her [illegible] [illegible] him. But Magadan, whose Envy [illegible] [illegible] to ruine the Knight of the Burning Sword, [illegible] Fulurtin to watch them, and seing their Carriage, perswaded himself more than [illegible] true, entertaining in his wicked mind, to accuse the King with [illegible] of his Mistress, which was not long after, he having obtain'd, that the Kings of Arabia and Tartaria were coming with his Country to make War upon him. [illegible] [illegible] to Saba, that finding him in every Act to resist [illegible] to what his Enemies. But scarce was he risen from [illegible] Magadan, quoting him aloud, leaning on a Cushion in the Presence, after a [illegible] to Pardon his Treason, began to discourse him in this manner: Sir, I most humbly beg your Majesty's Pardon, if with the greatest Regret imaginable I discover to you a thing, which, I wish, my Death could have prevented, as well [illegible] the Discontent, it will give your Majesty, as for the Amity I bear the Knight of the Burning Sword, whom I take all our Gods to witness, I have ever lov'd, honour'd

and eſteem'd above any other of my Acquaintance. But the matter ſo nearly concerning You, ſhould I, who am your Vaſſal, conceal it, I ſhould be guilty of [illegible] Treaſon, and the Education You have beſtow'd on me, would be very ill employed, ſo that Reaſon conſtrains me to lay aſide all reſpect of Perſons, tho' it were of my own Father, for to preſerve the Fidelity I owe You, my Natural Prince and Soveraign Lord. Then he declar'd, how he had ſeen the Queen playing at [illegible] the Knight of the Burning Sword, telling the King the [illegible] paſs'd between them, which he ſo much [illegible] as to ſay, that the [illegible] abandoning all Modeſty, had [illegible] The King was (and [illegible] cauſe) ſo aſtoniſht at hearing this, that [illegible] that he was a long time unable to utter the leaſt [illegible] was in his Interior between the Love he bare the Queen, and the [illegible] ſo that he could not [illegible] bedew'd with tears, he ask'd Mandan, whether it were poſſible that the Knight of the Burning Sword had ſo diſhonour'd him as he had related. Yes Sir, anſwer'd he, and I will ſwear it by the living Gods; for I ſaw it with my own eyes.

Ah, Ah! ſaid the King, fetching a deep ſigh; Since the Traytor has ſo far forgotten himſelf, as I heretofore prefer'd him before all that were in this Kingdom, ſo will I now cauſe him, and the Strumpet his Companion, to be put to the cruelleſt Death that ever wretched Creatures ſuffer'd.

Then the King, commanding Mandan to keep ſecret what he had told him, [illegible] to his Chamber as full of diſcontent, as the villain was of joy, for having ſo well accompliſht his deſign. As the Love of a Father [illegible] than common Amities, ſo the hate of the one to the other, [illegible] unmeaſurably more extream than can be expreſt. In like manner the King, who was ſo affectionate to the Knight of the burning Sword, [illegible] him with Faliarte, having heard the diſcourſe of this villain, [illegible] that he had much ado to govern his Paſſion, [illegible] to receive his laſt puniſhment, [illegible] conſtraint upon himſelf, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] This thought he put in Execution; [illegible] from GOD, not for the ſake of ſo [illegible] Mandan, but for the preſervation of the [illegible] for which cauſe he

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[illegible] in the Kitchen, [illegible] in his Answer, to leave Gold, and give [illegible] to God.

The Sun was already [illegible] behind the Mountains, and the Night approach, when the Tyrant found out the Knight of the Burning Sword, to whom, concealing [illegible] which [illegible] in his heart, he thus spake: My dear Friend, so much do I desire your Good, that there cannot any inconvenience befall you, which I should not be as much troubled at, as happen to my self. It is therefore necessary, you retire with all possible speed; for I certainly know, that the King is resolv'd to put you to death, for which purpose you will be arrested at your Entrance into the Palace. The particular cause indeed I cannot learn, but some Story has been told him, for which he hates you so extremely.

The Knight of the burning Sword, as you will easily believe, was not a little astonished at this discourse, the truth of which, as not having any the slightest [illegible] he [illegible] but not Maudan, always [illegible] a particular kindness for him. He gave therefore so much credit to this Traytor's words, that he immediately commanded Gerin his Servant to bring his Arms, and taking leave, went forthwith out of the Town, without any other Attendant, Riding all Night in marvellous incertitude.

Thus Maudan saved the Life, which afterwards cost him his Life, as shall be declared to you. In the mean time the better still to cause his Judge, he went back in the Evening to the King, to whom he said: Sir, I doubt yet it may have over heard some part of the discourse, I had with Your Majesty, about his Master; for I am certainly inform'd he was listning under the window: Which may be the more easily credited, for that I have not since seen the Knight of the burning sword, whom I believe you will find to be fled.

That would be ill, says the King, therefore, pray, know the certainty of it, and that without delay.

At these words Maudan went strait out of the Palace, to the Knight's Lodging, returning soon after, to tell the King, [illegible] Maudan, [illegible] the Door burning, [illegible] for [illegible] which [illegible] Lady, [illegible] for what occasion, [illegible] which troubled, and calling for [illegible] the King set, brought him [illegible] to tell him the cause of her disquiet. Wicked woman, [illegible] you know [illegible] your cost.

[illegible] commanding her to be [illegible] up, he set Guards upon her, changing it [illegible] of [illegible] lives to keep her safe. After this he sent [illegible] to [illegible] Knight of the burning Sword, and being [illegible] dead, [illegible] King, he has acted against me the greatest Treason in the world.

Polerin, wondering at this [illegible] strange, [illegible] wakeful the [illegible] which the King [illegible] from [illegible] Knight, who [illegible] [illegible] from whom he had received [illegible] Information. But the [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Father, answer'd the Knight, my Unhappiness being greater than ever befel any other, that was born of woman, 'tis no wonder, if you see in me, what you would think strange in nature; since Fortune within these few days has made me certainly know the entire effects of her Incostancy. But were the other, the Name, she bears, would be no way suitable to her, seeing she sometimes Elevates one to the top of her Wheel, without his having in the least merited it, and presently tumbles another under her Feet against all Right and Reason. Which is clearly manifested in me, whom she had for several years plac'd in the Throne of all Prosperity, and in the twinkling of an Eye, not three days since has so ruin'd, and debas'd me, that, when I consider the State, in which I am, seeing my self in so great Infelicity, methinks I am in a dream, not being able to comprehend, how, why, or in what manner this has befalln me, having never done any thing, to deserve the Evil, I endure.

The Moor, seeing his youth, and hearing him speak so appositly, and with so much reason, was wholly amaz'd, and exceedingly pity'd his condition: so, as he utter'd these words, the Tears in very great abundance trickled down his Cheeks. Whereto he said to him: Son, the Gods, to try those, whom they love, and who are dearest to them, often permit many Adversities to come upon them, for satisfaction of their Sins, they commit, as men, giving them afterwards instead of this transitory life, Permanent and ever Blessed Glory. It is therefore necessary, you conform your will to their good pleasure, rendring them glory and thanks for all they send you, were it only for the Beauty and good Wit, with which they have endu'd you: which makes me think, that many great things must pass in you, as they have done in several, who shall be nameless for an Example, as that King of great *Britain*, nam'd *Amadis* of *Gaul*, and his Son *Esplandian*, Emperor of *Constantinople*, of whom the Divine Beauty, bestowed such Perfections as yours altho' they ever were, and still are Infidels, maintaining the Law of their CHRIST. But as the Sun affords his Light as well to the Wicked, as the Good: so our Gods indifferently extend their Graces and Mercies upon all Persons, hoping by that means to bring them to the true knowledge of their Salvation. And tho' it be true, that *Amadis* and *Esplandian*, seeking strange Adventures, as all Knights errant are wont to do, very often fell into such Dangers, that they many times despair'd of their own lives and safety, and other whiles of ever having Joy, or Pleasure, as you do now; yet after an infinity of Miseries and Perils, which they escap'd, Fortune, or to say better, the divine Pleasure has raised them to that heights, that the one is become a great King, and the other a Potent Emperor, neither the one, nor the other having by their Birth any Right, or Pretence to the Countreys, they enjoy, but having obtain'd them by the Magnanimity of their Courages, accompany'd with *Prudence*, *Fortitude* and *Force*. Wherefore, my Son, endeavour to imitate them: for you have Ability and Discretion enough to resemble them; and our Gods are as powerful as ever, to convert this your great Sorrow into Joy, surpassing your extream Displeasure, and the Evil, that afflicts you, into far greater Contentment, and Felicity.

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CHAP. V.

How Magadon, King of *Sa*[illegible], And his Son *Palerin*, were Rescu'd out of the hands of the King of *Thalia* by the *Knight of the Burning Sword*.

[illegible]

[illegible] belonging to the King of [illegible] which they intended to remove. [illegible] Adventure till the [illegible] of the Burning Sword [illegible] going.

The King of *Thessa* my Prince, answer'd the Stranger, is entered into the Country of *Saba* with his Army, and they say, King *Magalon* is marching with his Forces to give him Battle, at which I will not fail to be.

This said, he parted at once, without making any farther stay, left the Knight of the Burning Sword wondering, that he began to say to *Yneril*: I would have you, good Sir, go to the Sea-Port, not far from hence, which, I hear, is a Trading Town, carry thither my Arms, and change them for others, that are black, that will not henceforward be known, and in the mean time I will stay on the edge of the Wood, expecting your return: but pray, *Yneril*, make haste.

I shall willingly do it, answer'd *Yneril*; but your Harness being very good, I know not what should make you desire to change it for a worse.

Go, said the Knight, thou shalt know when thou comest back.

Upon this *Yneril* turn'd the Horse's head out of the Forest, where the Knight, separating himself, into the Army to *Yneril*, who took from thence to the Town, where having found at an Armourer, who he was, he return'd to the Knight, who having seen a hunter, and mounted his Horse, said to *Yneril*: Pray stay for me at the Town, and come every Evening to this place, to see whether I am returned or not; for I must help the King and *Palerion*; esse the Wonderful, they have given me, would be very ill bestow'd, if in a time of such necessity I should not hazard my Person to preserve them.

How Sir, said *Yneril*, will you put your self in such danger, to preserve his life, who endeavoured to deprive you of yours?

He shall not know me, said the Knight, and besides I have always heard it averred, to do Good for Evil is double Merit. And therefore since the Gods give me this good will, I will employ it, and my Person also, in doing Service to the King, to whom I am oblig'd.

Yneril, seeing that he resolved, durst not contradict him, wherefore [illegible] him to the Precinct of [illegible] the way and the Knight [illegible] ing the course he was [illegible] the Gentleman, he met the day before [illegible] not further, ere he met a Courier [illegible] speed, whom he [illegible] what [illegible] brought.

Sir Knight, answer'd he, rejoice, our Prince, the King of *Thessa*, has defeated the Army of King *Magalon*, and taken him and his Son Prisoners, bringing them along himself, with a Guard only of the Knights, which are not far behind me, and for this cause, I am going to Advertise those of the Town, that they may come forth to receive them.

Upon this parting, and the Knight of the Burning Sword, still keeping his Way,

faith within himself. God never prosper me, if I don't deliver them, and yet in the attempt — And that he might not lose his Knife, he rak'd it carefully up, till he came to the lower end of Hill, whence he might easily see those, that endeavour'd the Rescue of his Man, who were set upon two little Dogs, having each of them an Iron Collar, which for greater security kept them about the middle. The Knight seem'd not at this Juncture, that without any further delay he let down the Visor of his Helmet, and seeing his opportunity, rush'd in amongst them, crying with a loud Voice, Stay, Traytors, stay, the Injury, you do such Noble Princes, shall cost you dear.

The King of Tharsus and his Brother, who rode fastened, seeing themselves assaul'd thus on the sudden, put themselves in a posture of Defence, bending their Lances on him, that ran against them; but with so much force did the Knight hit the King, that piercing with his Lance both his Shield and Breast-plate, he throw him out of the Saddle, his Arm in the fall breaking Boys in two. Then pulling further, he entered pell mell amongst the Troop others, who endeavour'd him an turn the Fay of Sparta, they were rett'n alive with Magadan and Falurtin. Now the Knight of the Burning Sword was not at all dismay'd, but striking on the right hand, and the left, gave not any home blows, but what Death follow'd. Which when the King of Sarra, and his Men saw, they greatly wonder'd, not being able to imagine who he should be, that performs'd so high an Enterprise, but laying within themselves, that they had never seen so much Prowess, acted by one sole man. And with good reason might they say so; for this Dispute continued above the space of half hours, during which time, seven Knights were so ill treated, that the King of Tharsus, Brother, the Knight, and Princes, and their Men, turning their backs, fled through the Plain, without stay, whether the Knight of the Burning Sword, cared not much to follow them, but turn'd his Bridle, doubting, lest those, who gleaned Magadan and Falurtin, might kill them, but they had seen their Fellows so well mounted, that, to avoid falling into the same danger, they made use of their Spurs here. When saw the Gentlemen, the Knight and Squire, to whom the Knight of the Burning Sword turning himself, gave the Combs, with which they were bound, saying to the King: Sir, may it please you now to give me leave; for as far as I can see, you have no longer need of my assistance.

Ah! good Knight, answer'd the King, I beseech you, tell us, who you are: to the end, we may bear you good Will all our lives for the favour, and succour, we have receiv'd of you.

Sir, replies the Knight, I am one, that ow you far greater service than this, and I hope, the time will come, when you will by experience know the great Respect, I have for you and yours. In the mean time be please'd not to trouble your self any farther with enquiring what I am; but cause the King of Tharsus, who lies wounded, to be set on Horse back, and sent into one of your nearest Towns: for, as for me, I must get my wounds look'd after.

The King, perceiving he would not reveal himself, importun'd him no farther; but very affectionately thanking him, committed him to the Protection of his Gods, as

as the Enemy did on them, having without any Day through the Woods. Then the King and Valerin made a Sale to convert of the Seigers, which were loose, and finding arm'd themselves with the best Arms, they could find, they went to the King of Tharsis, and saying, that he was not dead, thank'd him for his wounds, and having for him upon dye of these little Days, conducted him safe to the Town of Terrina, where being arrived, and understanding, that the King of Arabia had planted his Camp near Saba, Magadan sent him word by a Trumpet, that if he did not retreat he would strike off the head of his Prisoner, the King of Tharsis. The King of Arabia hearing this, and being informed how all had passed, raised his Siege, and without any longer Day returned into Arabia, as Magadan did to Saba, attended by a great Troop of Knights, and taking along with him the King, his Prisoner, of whom he had afterwards not only Peace, but also a great Tribute and Ransome.

CHAP. VI.

How after the *Knight of the Burning Sword* had Rescu'd the King of Saba, and his Son, he entered into the thickest of the Forrest, where he met with an Old Man, and of the Discourse they had together.

The Knight of the Burning Sword, having, as you were told, deliver'd Magadan and Valerin, turn'd back the way he came; and tho' he was exactly informed, yet did not this so much trouble him, as that he did not know the place, where he was, and less, how to find any help for the Neighbouring Country appertain'd to the King of Tharsis, whom he had defeated, which made him greatly fear being known by them, that was wherefore he kept himself as close within the Forest, as he possibly could, not coming to Travel till night, when the Dew falling sore his Wounds, made them smart.

Being at this pain and trouble, he saw by Moon-shine a Man coming towards him, who he knew him to have his Face cover'd with a Linnen Cloth; wherefore the Knight was not so, that Apprehension being caus'd by the Whiteness of his Hair, and his great Beard. Then the Knight of the Burning Sword suspected him to be some Slave, that was run away from his Master, and therefore, forbore addressing to the Custom of the Country, but the Old Man return'd his Salutation and Greet, which the Knight understood, for also all other Languages, having learnt them of his Master Mandaiar. Wherefore he began to say to him in the same Language: Honourable Father, can you inform me of any Place near, where I may find a Remedy for some Wounds, I have on my Body?

If you were a *Christian*, as I am, answer'd the Old Man, I should certainly satisfy you.

In good faith, said the Knight, this ought not to hinder you: for Vertue is never lost, in what place soever it is exercis'd, since it still continues Vertue. If thou

it be in you, I beseech you to tell me what I ask, and since you are more obliged to your self, than to any other, delay not so good a work, if you can do it; for the Gods are reverenc'd only for the Good, we hope to receive from them, and which is in them. And therefore, tho' you are not of their Law, [illegible] to imitate them, in what is good, [illegible] I my self, who am not a Christian, but a Pagan, would follow your GOD, in what should seem to me just and equitable, [illegible] the Vertue, of which I speak, in what place soever it be lodg'd, is always virtuous, making those, in whom it is, resemble the Divinity.

You speak so well, reply'd the Old Man, that you shall find in me, what you desire [illegible] then, and I will succour you; for it would go ill with you, should you be known in this Country, whence you would not afterward get easily out.

The Knight incontinently obey'd this Counsel, wondering nevertheless to hear the Good Man's discourse, of whom he demanded, how he could tell it, would be dangerous for him to be known.

Do not, said he, Enquire so far; but let it suffice you, that I know more of your Affairs, than you do your self; but at present I will say no more.

Then having apply'd such Remedies to the Places where he was wounded, that the Knight found himself without pain, the Old Man gave him some Victuals, he had in a Pannier, of which the Knight having eaten, fell into so sound a Sleep, that it was night [illegible], when he awoke, finding himself arm'd, not with the black Armour, which Yvorel had brought him in exchange for his own, but with other, white only, much richer and stronger, with a Shield, suitable to them, in the midst of which was pictured a Crown, resembling that he [illegible] had on his Head.

The Knight, then [illegible] wondering, how this had befallen him, was [illegible] that he [illegible], whether he were not in a Dream, especially when he no longer saw the Old Man, that had cur'd him. Being thus in a muse, he saw coming along the Way a Damsel, mounted on a Palfrey, accompany'd by [illegible], whom he knew; for it was Yvorel. This Woman, as she came near him, appear'd so old and feeble, that she could scarce keep her self on her Saddle; he nevertheless [illegible] saluted her, who asks him, If he could tell her any News of a very Ancient Man that went before her.

Indeed, answer'd he, I should be glad to hear some of him, for the great desire I have to find him.

And greater you would have, reply'd the Old Woman, did you know him so well as I do.

This said, she [illegible] her Palfrey, and pass'd on, leaving him, to whom she spake, very Anxious, yet well pleas'd at Yvorel's Arrival, whom he asks, who brought him thither.

On my Faith Sir, said he, I shall willingly tell you. As I was going out of the Forrest, where I left you, the Old Woman which spake to you, addrest her self to me, bidding me in your name follow her, and she would bring me where we should find

you at this very hour. This we came together, he telling me by the way, that her Old Husband was with you, discoursing you about things, which were of great importance to you, and, as far as I can understand, he is a wrd *Urgando*, and he *Alquif*.

Now the Knight of the Burning Sword perceiving years them and their knowledge highly concern'd in the point of King Magadan, wherefore, as if some new Accident had happen'd to him, he cry'd out, O *Jupiter*! Is it possible, that the Sage *Urgando*, and the Prudent *Alquif* should come to visit me? As I live, I know not any Inconvenience, that can hinder me from following them, wherever they are: and they shall tell me, before I part with them, whose Son I am.

Then rising from, he gallopt after Urgando and Alquif, whom he perceiv'd on the top of an high Hill, where he lost sight of them, intercepting them again afterwards on the Sea-shore, as they were entering into a little Boat, which four Men began to Row, he calling after them, Stayed, stayed, thinking to make them stay; but 'twas in vain; for the Boat in less than a moment got off from Land, steering towards the Isle, a pretty distance off, which to Palmerin and the Knight was nothing more, yet he went on after as fast as he could, where he found a little Boat, with two Oars, into which Palmerin and the Knight, certain Fisher-men had late there. Then the Knight Ynerill, whether he would go with him, or stay, he gave him leave.

Keep thy self well, said he, for I doubt, the Air of the Sea may prejudice your Wounds. And this he said, because the Knight had told him, what had befallen him upon the delivering of Magadan.

Trouble not thy self, said the Knight: I have no hurt, that should hinder my Enterprize.

Since it is so, answer'd Ynerill, let us alight, and leave our Horses to Feed till our return.

They alight, and entered into the Boat, which Ynerill began to Row, as fast as they arrived at the other Shore. They Landed, looking every one for Urgando and Alquif, but found not there any living Creature: wherefore they return'd into the Boat, leaving on the Shore to get back, where they had left their Horses; but there had run away a Butcher, when the Weather began to be Tempestuous, and the Sea to Swell so violently, that they abandon'd their Boat to the mercy of the Waves and Surges, and not knowing, which way they went, they fell all Night of Land, expecting every moment an unhappy End.

CHAP. VII.

How the *Knight of the Burning Sword* came to the *Defended Mountain*, where he fought with *Filandalo*, *Fraudalon*, and *Belerio*, whom he vanquish'd.

TEn Days and Ten Nights were the Knight of the Burning Sword and Ynerill in the Tempestuous, you have heard, putting all their hope of Life in the Good Fortune

sure of their God Neptune, and Venus, when they incountrie much, all the
ent morning the Sun began to get the Mastery, and the Day to become warm. When
they discover'd an high Cross, to the Foot of which it pleas'd Fortune to bring
them. The Country seem'd to them so Pleasant, and well about a wee tall Cross,
that to Refresh themselves, they resolved to stay there to enter into Harbour, and know,
who, but the place were Inhabited. For, their reason they went above, where they
found a little path, that led them to a Hermitage, before, to which there was erected an
high Bloodom Cross. Now the Knight of the Burning Sword had never seen such a
Sign, wherefore he asks Yneril, if he knew what it meant.

Assure your self, Sir, answer'd he, that we are on *Christian Ground*; for to
such a Cross was their GOD heretofore nailed.

This Gloss greatly pleas'd the Knight of the Burning Sword, who pond in such
some Ent reunie, and prove himself in such fast, as to be some [illegible] of all
waters the Administration of his Religion. Wherefore pulling arrive, they found
the tool of a Hermitage, in the frame of which were hung the Figures, about a much
Sacrificial Dimensions, together with some Representations of Saints, accord-
ing to the Custom of the Faithful, and picturing two Grave Ancient Hermits of Seven,
singing, tho' they sam not any one, at which being well pleased, they went on to
the Church of the Church, where there sam a Sacrifice of Bloodie, where with
a very Sleep Circular, under which was the Sepulchre of a Knight, consecrate Firm,
and round about were engraven these following Letters.

Here lies the Valiant and Magnanimous *Marroca*, who before his death had thro'
the Grace of GOD) knowledge of the Eternal Life, and as a Champion of JESUS
CHRIST, made himself with his own Blood the sign of the Cross, which he ador'd,
dying very happily in the Faith of the Elect.

The Knight of the Burning Sword knew well by the Contents of this Epitaph,
that Yneril was rate him the truth, and that this was indeed a Christian Country,
where as he were infinite came forth a Religious Man, pleas'd to the Gate, who,
seeing this Stranger so fair, young, and well proportion'd, knew not well, what to
think of him; however, without long amusing himself, he began the Divine Service,
in which the Knight took so much Pleasure, that he had the Patience to see all the
Ceremonies were ended, the good Father said, addressing to his Behaviour, and
the little Reverence, he shew'd, that he was indeed no Christian.

Having therefore put off his Gilt, and knight his Cuirass, he addressed himself to the
Hermit, saying: Sir Knight, I desire you not to conceal from me, of what Country
you are, who, without any regard to so holy a Place, have made no account of Di-
vine Service, whilst I was celebrating Mass. In truth, if you are a *Pagan*, I won-
der, how you durst enter into this Country, forasmuch as you know I am

Father, answer'd the Knight, I am a *Pagan* both by Religion and Nation, so
less admiring at my Arrival here, than you do to see me. Nevertheless, I earnestly
desire you to tell me, what Country this is, and under what Prince or Lord
you live.

Son,

[illegible] Son, [illegible] the Pity, [illegible] of your [illegible] [illegible] willing to satisfie you. This Land is part of the Realm of *Nubia*, call'd the [illegible] [illegible] who conquer'd it [illegible] now held by the Emperor [illegible] who conquer'd it by force of Arms.

When he particularly relates to him, in what manner Esplandian got possession of it, as it is recorded in the fifth Book of Amadis of Gaul. The Knight gladly hearkened to him; for he has often thought of the Enterprise, and the great Fears [illegible] Adventurous he thought it, [illegible] by all means the Reduction of the Place to its former Obedience, and of the Pains thereabout to the Religious, under which it had heretofore lain: for the attaining of which design, he sent the Religious [illegible] by whom the Place was Guarded.

By a Knight, answer'd he, nam'd Franbalo, who, having been a Pagan, as you see, submitted himself to the Knowledge of GOD, having since slaven himself so valiantly, especially in the keeping of this Isle, that the Emperor has made him a Count, as also Admiral, and Governour of the Fortress, into which [illegible] ing impregnable: the King of Jerusalem was not long since brought Prisoner the Garrison being reinforc'd by one only Knight, nam'd Franbalo, whom [illegible] who was there within this five days, and these two together, would (as for [illegible] well undertake to keep the Place, not only against the Neighbouring Kings, [illegible] so against all those of Asia, should they attempt to force it.

And are they alone? said the Knight.

No, answer'd the Religious, Mercy keeps them company, and they have [illegible] them their Servants, and Esquires, with some Serjeants and Labourers. [illegible] they have heard, King Amadis, who is at Tartarania, would be here in [illegible] time with his Army, which is very great, as also the Emperor of Constantinople should it be necessary: for it is not far by Sea from hence thither: therefore [illegible] vise you to retire; else you will fall into danger of Death, or Captivity.

I will first, says the Knight, view a little higher the Strong Place, of which you tell me so many things.

And what will you get by it, said the Good Father, except it be the Pain which I have given you walking?

That is more than I know, answer'd the Knight; I will try at least, whether the Gods seem so displeased with me, as they were with those, who heretofore left [illegible] Which, as you may [illegible] have been effected by the Force of one single man, and must be [illegible] consents to this Enterprise. And now, perhaps, our offences of the Wicked [illegible] Earth is holy Law, which [illegible] say [illegible] and [illegible] preserved by you [illegible] and reserved [illegible] Place.

Ah Sir Knight, [illegible] Devil [illegible] colour of the Sanctity [illegible]

you neither can, nor ought to do, for your Honour, and [illegible] for the ſalvation of your Soul.

'Tis a miſtake, anſwer'd the Knight, may not Fortune be as favourable to me, as ſhe was to him, that conquer'd it, according as you have related it to me? There-fore pray, good Sir, ſhew me the way thither, without Preaching to me any lon-ger.

That indeed I will not do, ſaid the good Hermit; for tho' you are a Pagan, and wholly contrary to the Faith of JESUS CHRIST, yet it is not lawful for Re-ligious Perſons, ſuch as I am, to contribute in any manner whatſoever to the death of any one.

Since it is ſo, anſwer'd the Knight, do as you pleaſe; I will then find it by ſome other means.

This ſaid, he and Ypocil went out of the Church, taking their way through the [illegible] and [illegible] regretting [illegible] an occaſion of [illegible] by being [illegible] to their [illegible]. They had not travell'd long, before they met a Man, bringing two Mules, laden with [illegible], of whom they aſkt the way to the Caſtle, which the honeſt Countryman willingly ſhew'd them. When they began to aſcend the Mountain, not without great Pains. And becauſe Ypocil appear'd more penſive than ordinary, the Knight of the Burning Sword aſkt him, [illegible].

Certainly, anſwer'd he, were I not afraid of diſpleaſing you, I ſhould willingly tell you, for the Love I bear you, accompany'd with the deſire I have to ſerve you.

Friend, reply'd the Knight, thou ſhalt not ſay any thing that will be diſagree-able to me, ſince in all things the Intention is more to be regarded than the Effect, which proceeds of it. And moreover, ſince the Counſel of an Enemy is ſometimes good, that of a Friend (as you are to me) ought well to be eſteem'd wholſome and ſalutary: Speak therefore boldly, and, if thy Advice be reaſonable, aſſure thy ſelf that I will follow it; for I will not imitate many obſtinate Perſons, who, knowing themſelves to be in fault, do yet diſdain the counſel of others, committing thereby two Offences: the one thro' their little ſenſe, the other thro' their want of knowledge.

Truly Sir, ſaid Ypocil, your Arguments are ſo prevalent, that I will freely lay open my Thoughts, not concealing from you any thing I have in my mind. You are not ignorant, that you were found by the Sea-ſide, neither your ſelf (as I be-lieve) nor they who bred you up, knowing whether the Country, where you were [illegible] Pagans, wherefore, [illegible] you [illegible], ſince peradventure you are ſon to ſome Chriſtian, [illegible] Religion. [illegible] it is ſo, are not you obliged to [illegible] of your Parents? [illegible] you ought [illegible] till you know [illegible] what you are, than to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Knight and [illegible] fair Opportunity to [illegible] purpose.

My Lord, Cab [illegible] Frandalo, [illegible] Reason. I beseech you, let him and me try our Fortune, and if I am vanquished, [illegible] govern your self as you please.

[illegible] Frandalo [illegible] Courtesy [illegible] Fortune [illegible] Flandrine, which I would willingly have observed you, and, if it be not too late, do yet grant you. For the Language you [illegible] my Enemy, yet pray I [illegible] to you all the Courtesy and good Language, I pretend [illegible].

Truly, Sacchet's Frandalo, you speak [illegible] well, and I have [illegible] if it were possible to hinder the Combat, between us, I would willingly do [illegible] I look upon you as one, that would not for any thing delay it. [illegible] in be for the Honour of either of us, to put it off. [illegible] the death of one of us, or perhaps of both together, that cut asunder [illegible] [illegible] one only thing I would have you grant me for your own great [illegible]

which I desire more for the [illegible] to Chivalry than to your Person, being an Enemy to our Faith. It is, that you repose till to morrow morning; for I see you so tir'd and [illegible], that the victory [illegible] of you will go for nothing.

This offer made the Knight of the Burning Sword have a very great [illegible] for Frandalo, whom having thank'd for his Civility, he answered him thus: Sir Frandalo, believe me, that I am not yet so [illegible] in need of Repose, so that I do not [illegible] to your Defence.

Since it is so, reply'd he, come on.

Then they set themselves to [illegible] each other, [illegible] the clashing of their Weapons, and the [illegible] of fire [illegible] the space of half an hour they were not [illegible] fight being so [illegible] furious, that they had [illegible] table, the ground being [illegible] with the [illegible] At which the King of Jerusalem being amaz'd, continually pray'd for the Knight of the Burning Sword, hoping by his Victory to [illegible] his Liberty. Nevertheless, considering the shocks, he had already sustain'd, [illegible] he was much doubtful of that, which he [illegible] himself [illegible] his Opinion, [illegible] By means of which Frandalo began to [illegible] himself, [illegible] that, [illegible] his Strength [illegible] Friends. Thus they continu'd a whole hour, [illegible] Frandalo [illegible] that instead of [illegible] his Enemy, he [illegible] the Knight of the Burning Sword [illegible] without much [illegible] back, and [illegible] as if he would [illegible] Frandalo, [illegible] thou, that thy death is near, if thou [illegible] against [illegible] good Sir, and I will save thy Life, so good an Opinion have I of thy Person.

I had rather, answer'd he, die a thousand Deaths together, than do any thing, that should in the least blemish my honour. You may perhaps [illegible] as to my Intention, none but our Lord, in whom I put my Trust, can change it. Compleat then thy Victory without expecting any thing else from me, since I am resolv'd to end my Days, that I may perpetuate my Renown, keeping the Faith I ow to GOD, and my Prince; as well knowing, how great an Honour it will be to me hereafter, that I have with so much glory paid the Debt to which I was oblig'd from the first moment of my Birth, and which we all ow to our Sovereign, that has created us, and plac'd us on the Earth.

So well was the Knight of the Burning Sword satisfy'd with this Remonstrance, that he said with in himself, I should indeed be very much to blame, should I endeavour any farther to [illegible] him, who being depriv'd of all strength, has already [illegible]

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[illegible]

will ſend Pearll, accompany'd by one from Jence, to the new Pagan Chi[illegible] and Alliance. And in the mean time [illegible] ſtrength of [illegible] ſtrictly keep it againſt all Alliances.

The Queen [illegible] ſo [illegible] after [illegible] the Knight of the [illegible] Brandalo, whom the King of Jerulalem ſent, [illegible]

Your Majeſty, Sir, muſt be [illegible] and much [illegible] consider, [illegible] the inconſtancy of Fortune, who towards the end of my declining years has [illegible] ſelf ſo adverſe to me, that ſhe has brought me into Capcivity, and under the [illegible] of him, that could vanquiſh me, and by that means conquer this Place, with the keeping of, which the Emperor my Maſter had entruſted me, [illegible] much more afflicting to me, than death it ſelf. Nor can my life be henceforth other than a trouble to me, ſince I defu'd his countenance only to ſerve him, who had [illegible] me in the Hoberd and Sedge, in which Yeſterday day was [illegible]

All [illegible] I ſaid the King. You have been [illegible] Knight to the World, and your machines, [illegible] ever had any place in your [illegible] Publicinity. [illegible] Conſiderations you have ſo often given me, unfeeling to comfort me, which I [illegible] ner, and to ſhew the Magnanimity of your heart, taking example by [illegible] who have paſt'd thro' ſuch ſtraights, as you are at preſent in, [illegible] may get with Honour, knowing [illegible] that is in this [illegible] treat for you! for he alone can do it, and no other.

The Knight of the Burning Sword, [illegible] taking up [illegible] Sir, your Majeſty may command me in all things [illegible] Goodneſs and Loyalty ſufficiently [illegible] what you [illegible] the King, and his Subjects, you made me [illegible] yeſterday [illegible] ror and commanded to your People, will always [illegible] and to ſerve him faithfully. Yet have not then any Reaſon to complain [illegible] Fortune, [illegible] taught rather to ſhew her Favourable. To you, than adverſe, or cruel [illegible] not in any way ſhake your Honour, [illegible] your Reaſon by your [illegible] ought Reaſon to be [illegible] Conſiderations [illegible] Hope [illegible] Iſland under the [illegible]

Sir Knight, [illegible] Brandalo, [illegible] little know [illegible] yet [illegible] Hor der me [illegible] from the [illegible] you [illegible] Priſoner, you give me, to [illegible] you defend [illegible] Conſiderations, [illegible] Fame, [illegible] Reaſons, and [illegible] Opportunity, our Cavalry has made in [illegible] Faith, not [illegible] with your Words, hearing [illegible] by them you may gain more me, what with the hazard of your Life [illegible] which is to make the [illegible] yeſterday.

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CHAP. II.

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Alas! answer'd he, I pray you desire not to know me; for my Misfortune is great Sir, than you can comprehend. Wherefore I desire you to take away your Dogs, and not importune me any farther.

Lucerclo hah such pity of her, that he earnestly made [illegible] I will readily obey you, altho' you would have more reason, and greater [illegible] this Austere Life, you would come with me to my Mother; whilst I will [illegible] conduct you for the Desire I have to serve you, and elsewhere, that would employ me.

My Child, tell me, I thank you; and you [illegible] Name, and who you are, to the end I may pray to our Lord, [illegible] the Reward of your good Works may be conformable to your Beauty. [illegible] I am, answer'd she, call'd Eucrotte; my Father was a Knight, who dy'd long [illegible] and my Mother, who survives, is named [illegible].

[illegible] Lucencio thinking [illegible] Death, [illegible]

Indeed, my Child, answer'd he, I have many times heard your Father [illegible] perhaps more of your Affairs, than you do your self; [illegible] nothing concern'd you.

When Lucencio heard this, he [illegible] famous Saint of Poitiers, [illegible] carelessness I can no declare more fully [illegible] to your dear Girl, [illegible]

Your Mother, answer'd she, never did your Father any Injury [illegible] prejudice, [illegible] I will tell you a Tale, [illegible]

My Child, tell me, [illegible] your Father and Mother are of [illegible] noble Blood, that you are descended from Emperors, and a [illegible] granted me is, that you [illegible] all Perfons your having found me, and the difficulties [illegible] the Truth may not be discover'd, make your Confession [illegible] to whom perhaps, if you may relate [illegible] between you, to know who [illegible] the other person of [illegible] about Fourteen Years since together with the Emperor [illegible] return'd into this Country and bring them both hither to me, or at least one of them: for this greatly imports you, and me also.

[illegible]

had [illegible] himself to be the Son of such Noble Parents, in favour of whom he might [illegible] to be a Knight. When returning the way he came, he heard a little of [illegible] calling him with a loud and mournful Voice; for he thought [illegible] to be [illegible], and for this reason [illegible], [illegible]; but Lucencio took his Horn, which he winded so loud, that his Companion heard him, and being wholly [illegible] to meet him, saying to him at his arrival with Tears in his eyes, Alas Brother, I was greatly afraid of the Wild Beast, believing, she had devour'd you. On my faith I lookt upon you as gone, nor can I tell what made you so hasty to cast your self into her Paws.

Lucencio smilingly answer'd him: Have I not often enough told you, that the Sons of such, as you and I are, cannot be Knights? for they have naturally fear for a Companion instead of Assurance, as you have experimented in your self. Yet if you will promise me, never to report, what I shall tell you, you shall presently hear a thing, at which you will sufficiently wonder.

Then Florindo having made him an Oath, as he desir'd him, said *Lucencio*, you must never speak to any person of the Beast we found: neither is she indeed a Beast, but a wise and discreet Woman.

Then discovering to him [illegible], you have heard, they came out of the Forest.

Ah! Ah! said Florindo, [illegible] you, at least let me always continue in your Company, and make use of me as your Esquire: for I shall think my self happy, if I can come to such honour.

This Lucencio easily granted him, and [illegible], they came [illegible] into the Town.

CHAP. X.

How Lucencio and Florindo fled secretly from [illegible] to Constantinople, where Lucencio receiv'd Knighthood at the hands of his Uncle, the Emperour Esplandian.

The [illegible], which the Damsel of the Forest had with Lucencio, so rais'd his [illegible], that he could not an hour after without thinking, how he might attain to be a Knight: [illegible] of doing the [illegible]. Florindo [illegible] things [illegible], he resolv'd [illegible], to go to Constantinople, and there [illegible] Emperour Esplandian, [illegible] he had heard [illegible], that he would give him the Order, [illegible], hoping, [illegible], he [illegible] to be the most [illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] he would not refuse him.

This his Resolution he imparted to Florindo, who from the time he had [illegible] by the Woman of the Forest, was become much more [illegible]

[illegible]

where this Gentleman was then newly arrived, who, vanquish'd with Love, had left his own Country, he pined, since he should have seen me, for my sake, kindlier in serving me, that he travel and Good Will should not be fail'd knowledg'd by me, as he might attain to the end of his Desires. And, indeed, if my Fame had caus'd in him any Affection for me, 'twas little in respect of the Ardour he found in himself, as soon as his Eye had given him the enjoyment of my presence; which Zeal was yet much more augmented, since he had begun familiarly to discourse with me.

It happed then, (for one day amongst the rest, the Fire of this Love encreasing by little and little, as we were a hunting with a good Company of Gentlemen, Ladies, and Damsels, dispers'd about the Woods, some this way, others that way, I was of a certain Wood, accompany'd only by four of my Women, and two Knights, with this Gentleman. Now it was, that a Bear came running fur furiously towards us with open Mouth, that the poor Knights, in whom lay the Safety of our Persons, were so frighted, that they fled with all their might thro' the Forest. Your Majesty will easily believe I was then in a fright. But this Gentleman, alighting from his Horse, show'd himself so valiant, that at the approach of the Bear, who thought to lay hold of him, he gave him such a blow with a Boar-Spear, that he fell down to the ground. This gave me such a Heart (between his own self, that he felt great Love for my sake, and resolved in my Gift from that hour to love him, as he deserved, and took his Gift, considering his Civility, the Pains, he had taken in coming from a far Country, to see me, and the Danger, to which he exposed himself, for to save my Life. Knowing himself, the naked, and unarmed, in more contagious than dangerous, with nothing, but a Boar-Spear, and a Shield.

When I began from that time forward to treat him with more Intimacy than I had done, offering him my Efteem, and what else Women of my quality can honestly offer. Which gave him so much content, that, after a thousand thanks, he said to me:

[illegible]

This Request, Sir, [illegible] me that a [illegible] me this Sword, and Shield, which you see, which are Relicks, which for its Greatness, Beauty, and Richness, is not to be [illegible] (with the meaning one of you [illegible]) this Gentlewoman, in whose custody it was, [illegible] behind in this manner, with which by a Knight, who ask'd her, for whom she kept it? She answer'd him, for the best Knight in the world. I know he meant [illegible] than Gentility desires, took it from her by force, since, since it was dedicated to the best Knight in the world, it belongs to none but him. And having gotten it from her against her will, he fled thro' the wood, so that he left [illegible] of him: at which being greatly discontented, he came to me, weeping for the [illegible] rage, which he related to us. These Knights, who accompany me, [illegible] ran to overtake him, but seeing they [illegible] labour in [illegible] him, [illegible] advertiz'd, that you made your Abode in this your City, we resolv'd to come, and pay you our Respects, and know, whether you would please to command us any thing to King Amadis: with whom we had long since been, but not Fortune drive us into these Coasts. [illegible] GOD.

Madam, answer'd the Emperor, You have done me both an Honour, and a Pleasure by this friendly Visit, for which heartily thank you, and the Gentleman also, to whom Our Lord, if he please, grant the Grace to accomplish so noble an Enterprise: And as to the Villain, who has done you the Injury, whom you believe me, I am very much displeas'd at it, as well that so base an Act should [illegible] Lake in my Country, as that it should be committed against a Lady of your Quality.

Having this answer'd, [illegible] thing to [illegible] Amadis, [illegible] Knight, and to [illegible] Amadis's Person, and belongs to the Country, [illegible] so: which he [illegible] granted him. When [illegible] fall on the [illegible] fall on you: Madam, I have all my life heard, that Knighthood [illegible] ordain'd, to protective Ladies and Gentlewomen from Injury; I [illegible] fore command her, whom the Knight has thus wrong'd, to conduct me, till [illegible] time, as we have found him, and I promise you by the Faith, I owe the Emperor, to revenge her, and you also, or to dy in the attempt.

Truly Knight, answer'd the Damsel, I very heartily thank you [illegible] arly commanded the Damsel to accompany him, [illegible] to live. And [illegible] shall have recover'd the Helmet, shall not to come [illegible] Villain.

When Lucenda, having [illegible] Discourse, [illegible] Amadis, who [illegible] Lucenda, [illegible]

Knight, said he, I have [illegible] your Esquire, and the Damsel, I know nothing of; but of the Helmet I will give you a good account, if you will promise me a Gift, such, as I shall ask of you.

Madam, said Lucencio, the Charms of your Beauty have made me so much your [illegible] that you may command me [illegible] your pleasure, and I shall be yet more inclin'd to serve you, if by your means I may recover the Helmet, which I am obliged to restore to her [illegible]

Then he [illegible] it, [illegible] Sword, and gave it him, saying, Is not this what you look'd for? One of my Women took it up, a little after the Knight, you pursu'd, and threw it down. Come then Knight, and rest your self a little within; for I believe you have had enough of [illegible]

[illegible] Lucencio, [illegible] Pleasure.

[illegible] Lucencio, [illegible] Pleasure.

[illegible] Lucencio, [illegible] Pleasure.

[illegible] Lucencio, [illegible] Pleasure.

[illegible] Lucencio, [illegible] Pleasure.

[illegible]

[illegible] Knight, you speak [illegible] Honour [illegible] Honour by the Combat, you demand, whether [illegible] For to satisfie the Strength, and Virtues of your Enemy in [illegible] [illegible] Knight of the Burning Sword, [illegible]

[illegible] Frandolo, as which he [illegible] Glad and Merry. Glad to see him alive, and Merry that his Valour had [illegible] Victory, which was gain'd by the Continual Pain, he suffer'd in his Wounds. This made the Black Knight so much desire to revenge him that [illegible] in himself for having been already so long about it, he could not [illegible] facing in [illegible] Mr. Death. By my Head, I have been too long fighting for so dear'd a Victory, and I can't [illegible] believe, that this is some Devil [illegible] from the Bottom of Hell: [illegible] if he were other, I should long since have brought him to reason.

And at that instant his Courage increased in such manner, that he struck him on the [illegible] Armour so outrageously, that he fell down on the [illegible] ground; yet he got [illegible] up again, and the better to be quit with his Adversary, took his Sword in both hands, with which he gave him so strong a blow, that had he not [illegible] with the [illegible], which he opposed against it, 'twould have been his last: notwithstanding the Sword fell upon his Helmet, and so stunning him, that he was constrain'd to [illegible] against the wall of the [illegible] on the ground. But this Adventurous [illegible] a little, for they made a fresh charge with more fierceness, than before; the [illegible] Black Knight began [illegible] to grow faint and weary, however he still [illegible] [illegible] his Debois; yet [illegible] it really [illegible] he could not long [illegible] [illegible] be in the [illegible] Armour [illegible] a little back, [illegible] [illegible] Murthers, but [illegible] for it, [illegible] great Pity thou should'st [illegible] so valiant a man, as I know thee to be.

In good faith, answer'd the other, thy Courtesy summons me as it were to follow the Counsel; but my Honour contradicts it, for that [illegible] Death [illegible] this Difference between us two.

[illegible] Knight [illegible] so much [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] forward, he gave him such a blow which [illegible] upon the [illegible] place, that the Blood in that place [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] Knight, who was about to make him very sensible of his Resentment, [illegible] [illegible] King of Jerusalem, that there was a [illegible] [illegible] a matter [illegible] presented by Gilbert the Knight, as upon the [illegible] My Lords, I [illegible] you, if you please, to delay your Fight, and hear the Message I have to deliver to you.

[illegible] this, with [illegible] [illegible] the Black [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Alcandor, [illegible] the Island of Apes, and was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Black Knight, speaking to him in this manner: [illegible] my Fairy [illegible] [illegible] you, commanded me to do you this Message, offering [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sir, [illegible] I would do you Service, instead of the Displeasure, you have received thro' my Ignorance; for which I entreat you, and the Damsel to [illegible]

[illegible] My Lord, [illegible] gone forth, still we saw her defend herself to the [illegible]

Ah! [illegible] the Knight, [illegible] the Damsel [illegible] the great old Alcaid, by whom [illegible] of his Parentage. [illegible] Cadiz, [illegible] running after her, and the Gentlemen [illegible] the Knight [illegible] By my Head, I have no wound, that shall hinder me from following you; and if once I catch you, you shall tell me, where your Father is.

But notwithstanding his Diligence, Fortune gainsay'd him for [illegible] he quit pursuit be [illegible]

CHAP. XIII.

How the twenty Turks, which Partil had brought from Granada, for the Relief of the Fortunate Fountain, fell themselves to kill the Emperor Constantine; and of that, which happen'd.

Francisco, [illegible] of the Cadiz, [illegible] Fourth, having [illegible] Knight of the Burning Sword, [illegible] the Knight of Jerusalem [illegible] making him a very [illegible] Emperor, [illegible] kindly, and embracing the King, [illegible] good Friend, Brother, your Liberty is, I believe, more happy than you expected, being delivered, and freed out of Prison by the best Knight I ever saw in my life.

Ah Sir, [illegible] Francisco, your Presence gives me an incomparable Joy, [illegible] great even to Death.

My good Friend, [illegible] Emperor, you have always be esteem'd so discreet, [illegible] you need not any Comfort, but what you can give your self.

But they did not long continue [illegible] Discourse, when the twenty Turks [illegible] Entrance of the Place, calling on to Arms, cast upon the Emperor [illegible] more effectual than before, and that not without cause, for to the King of Jerusalem [illegible] to be [illegible] of this Treason. How, Brother, Dare you [illegible] deed do an Act, so injurious to your Honour, and the Right of Chivalry? On my Faith you not only wrong your own Person, but all others, who bear the [illegible]

Gentlemen for you cannot be ignorant, that I entred into this place with [illegible] from him, who had power to give me it. [illegible]

The King of Jerusalem, very sorry for this assault, took suddenly his Sword in hand, and sharply menac'd these Rascals; who, to shew how little they would [illegible] him, began in such manner to ply by their Weapons, that they seem'd the Hail, pouring down from Heaven. Which when the Emperor saw, that without any further delay, he cover'd himself with his Shield, and with Sword in hand entred pell mell amongst them, striking so on the right and left, that he gave the first, he met with, such a blow, that he never spake after, and following the rest, brought some of them with their Noses to the ground. Nevertheless they could not have perform'd without Frandalo, who, weak and feeble as he was, got hold of a Partisan, and follow'd by twenty of his Squires, so well seconded the Emperor, that whether they would or no, they were forc'd to give back, to their great shame and loss. And as we often see a company of Pies pursue an Howlet, that taking his flight from all his Masters hand, pearches upon some Tree, at his departure from which being provok'd by their beating and pecking at him, he suddenly seizes upon one, two, or three of them, but suddenly scatters the Remainder: in the like manner these Rascals having bent their endeavour against the Emperor, betook themselves to flight, some falling down, and others putting all their hopes in the succour of a [illegible], whither they retir'd for their Defence. But this weak Resistance lasted scarce a moment, the Emperor and Frandalo following them so close, that there did not one of them escape.

The King of Jerusalem was then in very great perplexity, fearing, lest the Emperor might impute it to him, that he had been the Author of so great a Villany: of which being desirous to excuse himself, before he was spoken to about it, he went to meet the Emperor, and said to him: Sir, I humbly beseech you to believe, that the Design of these Rogues was not in the least known to me, nor yet to the Knight of the Burning Sword: as Frandalo can also assure you, with what Civility he has been treated since the Conquest of this Place.

Truly, answer'd the Emperor, these Wretches have sufficiently shewn, how little they know to maintain the Fidelity, requisite amongst Knights, and they have also been very well recompens'd, and chastis'd for it. And as to you, King of Jerusalem, I certainly believe what you affirm, and farther to satisfy you, I do so, I will not hinder your departure, whither, and when you please, out of this Place, which (as you know) I have conquer'd twice with the Price of my Blood. And this makes me the more desirous to keep it better, than ever I have done, nor can the doing it any way blemish my Honour, I being no more oblig'd to keep Faith with those here, than they have been ready to do it with me. So that seeing the wicked and base Act of these Rascals, which assaulted me, and the Suspicion also, that may be had of you, who are of their Religion, if I shew you now any Courtesie and Civility, you ought to thank the Knight that is gone, and none else.

As the[y were] finishing their discourse, they entred into the great Hall, which look'd to-

wards

[illegible] Accoutrements: and if they shall be [illegible] the Second [illegible] work, he shall be constrain'd, and chiefly his Countrymen, into their Service, the Country, they claim, to be sway'd by them, as their [illegible], without Contradiction.

Thus you see, how this poor Prince has been tweaked by Romances, which has [illegible] Sorrow [illegible] Time, [illegible] the two Giants. And for this Reason [illegible] towards [illegible] to rescue of the Emperor [illegible] to succour him against the Giants.

Now it is named that traversing the Forest, [illegible] we met a Gallant that was bound for Gotes, [illegible] the Station of which [illegible] Definites Mountain was newly conquer'd by some [illegible] Knight, whom [illegible] Fiercest [illegible] I believe to be [illegible] The Knight [illegible] for [illegible] him and the Emperor [illegible] [illegible] he has been more [illegible]

[illegible] have seen so well finished your Demands, that [illegible] the Accomplishment of your promise, which will serve only to [illegible] [illegible] Which will be [illegible] [illegible] have heard [illegible] the valiant [illegible]

[illegible] Knight of the burning Sword [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] the Affair [illegible] [illegible] than those, who have [illegible] Queen, and her Daughter, [illegible] same Religion with my Self, yet would I not support them in their wickedness, having received Knight-hood with no other Intention, but to employ my Endeavours for the Relief of those, that suffer wrong and injustice. And therefore let us go where you please, and I shall willingly accompany you, whatever Befalls I have in their Parts.

During it is Dilcaurte, the King, who had all this while lain in a Swoon, [illegible] upon his Eyes with the Dismal sighing, went to lift up his Head, and with a smiling Countenance said to [illegible] Ha! Sir, chear up for GOD's sake: For-

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[illegible]

CHAP. XVII.

How King Amadis had News, that the Emperor Esplandian had [illegible] Delivers Mountain, and [illegible] Knights of the Burning Sword, [illegible] who had so severely handled the Knights of the Lay.

THERE were various sorts in the preceding Chapter, that as the King of Sicily and the Knights were travelling, [illegible] Combat, there came the [illegible] Gentlemen, [illegible] and the other [illegible] Now you shall understand that, after King Amadis had left the mounted Knights, and he was [illegible] a Pavilion, where he pitched [illegible] to let up his Pavilion, [illegible] the Queen Oriana [illegible] the two Gentlemen, whom I [illegible] before mentioned, [illegible] Prince, the Companion of Arms, and Dinistan, [illegible] to young Nephew, [illegible] and my self, named Bisbarina of Sicily, son to [illegible] King Perion, and the Queen Pintiquiniestra, [illegible] expressly [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

CHAP. XX.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

you for ever, eſpecially I poor Gentlewoman, who never merited Favour of ſuch a Knight.

Madam, ſaid he, I ſhall eſteem my ſelf the happieſt man in the World, if you graciouſly accept the little I have done for your Deliverance; ſince I am ſo much yours, that under your ſole Favour I [illegible] Arms, and [illegible] otherwiſe, giving my ſelf the Glory to be ſervant to the faireſt Princeſs, this day living.

[illegible] this word, he ſaid the [illegible] to ſwoon, [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Queen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the lake of [illegible] [illegible] who is a Governeſs of Sicily, whom Alpatracy [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the King [illegible] ſeeing the Queen and Lucella in good health, and (as you may believe) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his face, [illegible] [illegible] her Cheeks.

[illegible] [illegible] the Queen [illegible] [illegible]: O Sovereign GOD! prais'd be your holy Name! [illegible] you, after having deliver'd us out of the curſed Inchantment and [illegible], in which the Sorcereſs [illegible] had put us, to grant [illegible] [illegible] that I ſhould this day ſee with my eyes the two perſons, that are dearer to me than my own life. Ah! ah! Knight of the Burning Sword! How is it poſſible that I ſhall ever be able to acknowledge the benefit I receive by your means? [illegible] we are ſo much oblig'd to you, that we may with reaſon call you our ſecond Father, as having given us a new life: ſince without your aſſiſtance we had been eternally [illegible], theſe Ladies with ill uſage, and I with Diſcontent.

[illegible] the Queen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anſwer'd the Knight of the burning Sword, ſeeing that the King [illegible] [illegible] which was like to hold them long, interpos'd ſaying, Sir, your [illegible] to forget the long Time that theſe Ladies have been without Food. Doth it not pleaſe you, that ſome Victuals be brought them?

I beſeech you, let it be ſo, anſwer'd he; for I believe they have very great need.

Then were the Tables cover'd, and in the mean time the Queen recited the [illegible] ſhe was in, till ſuch time ſhe ſaw the Giantess ſlain.

And who ſlew her? ſaid the King.

Sir, anſwer'd ſhe, ſhewing him the Knight of the Burning Sword, this Gentleman cleft her Head in two, and ſhe remain'd bury'd in the Mud of the Lake.

She's very well lodg'd, ſaid he, GOD, or the Devil will henceforth keep her as ſhe has deſerv'd.

So

[illegible]

[illegible] Princess, [illegible] Lady, [illegible] Gentlemen, and that is merits something. Ah! how I [illegible] dream! [illegible] tainly my Folly is too apparent: For were I [illegible] to the greatest Princess on the Earth, yet [illegible] I could [illegible] Lady [illegible] Goddess. [illegible] I will never, while I live, [illegible]

[illegible] Kingdom of the Burning Sword [illegible] that I believe whoever say [illegible]

The Knight, in which [illegible] Lucelia and Franda [illegible] perilous dangers, and yet more the next morning.

[illegible] Knights [illegible] and I am of Opinion, that we [illegible] the Castle of [illegible].

This was very agreeable to the Knights [illegible] and (unbuckling their Horses, to let them feed,) sat down at the foot of the Pillar, where they had not long been, when there came towards them a very Ancient Gentleman, having a Faulcon on his fist. He, knowing that they were Strangers, asked them what they were doing? For, said he, if you be perceiv'd by those of the Castle, you [illegible] into the most doleful [illegible] that ever [illegible] fell into.

Knight, answer'd he of the burning Sword, declare to us then, if you please, on what occasion, and for whom this so unhappy Castle [illegible] the Dungeon. For [illegible]. Understand then, that this Country is the Isle of [illegible], and that [illegible] of [illegible], but at present abides, as she has long been, [illegible] is well known, where one might have seen [illegible] if any one should desire to find her. True it is, that she has left in her place a Daughter of hers, named [illegible] and with her seven Knights [illegible] of which four are Giants, and every one of the [illegible] commanded [illegible] the Queen, that no Knights [illegible] this Country [illegible] taken. Now I am come to acquaint the Guards, that [illegible] will within two days return from Hunting, where he has been all this last week. But doubt not, that I will say any thing to them of you: for I would rather divert them from doing you hurt.

[illegible] the Castle [illegible] but the Knight of the burning Sword [illegible] that there [illegible] their Fortune. For I hope, that with the help of our Gods we shall defeat them, and have the Place at our Command before [illegible] returns. And [illegible] you know, Sir, the little means there is to save us, [illegible] being [illegible] So that it were much better to [illegible] than to [illegible] which exceedingly comfortable to [illegible] that [illegible] has hitherto befallen, is some Good Destiny, the issue of which will perhaps be better and more honourable than we expected. And therefore I beseech you not to be troubled, but to encourage these Ladies, whom the seeing you so perplex'd has very much discomposed.

[illegible] the Knight [illegible] the Persons in [illegible] the King [illegible] occasion to believe the Knight recommending their Fortune to [illegible] the King [illegible]

and of the Combats he fought there.

you may well eaſe your ſelf of all this Armor, which as I believe, very burdenſom to you. [illegible]

Now the Knight of the Burning Sword was excellently well skill'd in fencing, and for this cauſe not willing to refuſe the offer [illegible] made him this Anſwer: In good Faith I am diſpleas'd at the Death of your Companions, tho' you cannot but know, that it was not ſo much thro' my Fault, as their own, and the perverſe Cuſtom of this Place, for which I am ſorry; that if you think fit to leave it at preſent, without conſtraining me any farther to fight, aſſure your ſelf, you will lay an Obligation on me for ever. For, beſides that you ſeem to me a valiant man, you have in the beginning ſo maim'd me, that I know not what Thanks to give you.

Truly, ſaid the other, were I Maſter of my ſelf, our Accord would be eaſily made; but I have given my Faith to her, that brought me into theſe Coaſts, to defend the Tower to my death. And I was indeed much ſurpriz'd, when I oblig'd my ſelf to it: For ſhe aſk'd me a Gift, which I granted her, without knowing what, whereof I have had leiſure enough to repent me.

Since it is ſo, anſwer'd the Knight of the Burning Sword, I would not for any thing deſire ought of you, that may blemiſh your Honor.

Then he call'd Frandamelia to help him off with his Harneſs, of which, when he was [illegible], the Knight of the Caſtle, ſeeing him ſo fair and well proportion'd, conceived a very great eſteem for him. Now he wanted a Shield or Buckler; but Lucella, who heard all the Diſcourſe, ſent him hers by the Damſel, to ſhew the [illegible] her Name to aſſure him, that he would for her ſake be very careful to defend himſelf. “It is for you, patient Readers, to judge, how great Pleaſure [illegible] “ceiv'd: [illegible] ſo much for him [illegible] falling in love at [illegible] “ſo [illegible] for he beheld him, [illegible] “you [illegible] that this Favour was ſufficient to inſpire him with [illegible] “Courage, as he would not only have dar'd to fight the Gentleman, [illegible] “him, but even Atlas himſelf, nay the very Giants, which Jupiter [illegible] “hollow Mountains he once turn'd upon them.

While he was ſo [illegible] by the [illegible], he made Frandamelia [illegible] dear Friend, ſince my Lady has had ſuch Remembrance of me this precious [illegible] ſhall not part from my Arm, till either the [illegible] of the Combat [illegible] or Death ſeparate my Soul from my Body, which has [illegible] only to [illegible] as the faireſt, diſcreeteſt, and moſt virtuous Princeſs on the Earth.

[illegible] the Damſel [illegible] the Knight [illegible] would [illegible] the Combat, which was between them the moſt gallant [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] ſuch [illegible] in it: [illegible] to conſider it well, it [illegible] to behold them, than the Exerciſe [illegible] they continu'd long [illegible] to the quick, ſo valiant, vigilant, and [illegible] ſuch [illegible] and made many falſe [illegible]

and surpass the other; yet could he not in the least injure him, [illegible] his Cloak, which he guarded and defended, more than his own Person: where[illegible] his Enemy being irritated, as thinking he [illegible] him, [illegible] lifted up his Arm to cleave his Head, which the Knight of the burning Sword so well obviated, that falling [illegible] giving his Adversary a [illegible] in the Breast, but letting fall his Arm, [illegible] in the [illegible] him to the Ground, being not able to stand any longer: whereupon he cry'd out: Ah, ah, Knight! since Success is so much at your command, pass on, and follow your Fortune.

And as he would have spoken more, the [illegible] of the next Tower (instead of [illegible] [illegible]) made a great Exclamation, crying out: Come forth Soldiers, come forth, or we are all lost.

The Knight of the burning Sword then well thought, that he should have [illegible] [illegible]: wherefore he came to Lucelia, and putting his knee to the ground, gave her her Cloak, as whole, as he had receiv'd it from Frandamena, saying to her: Here, Madam, is what you lent me, which I have to the utmost of my Power defended against my Enemies Sword, to shew how dear I esteem whatever comes from you.

[illegible] he hardly took his Arms: Or, he already [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] coming forth, whom he instantly receiv'd, being [illegible] arm'd, [illegible] Knights, and four Servants, having Habergeons, and Head-pieces of Iron, who all [illegible] upon him. Then began a Fight of ten against one; but the King [illegible] and fell in amongst them, likewise, whom the [illegible] [illegible] the Ground, [illegible] their Cries and Lamentations, [illegible] two [illegible] four of the others fell dead in the place, the [illegible] their [illegible] being [illegible] all [illegible] to take their flight; [illegible] like their Companions.

Then the King and the Knight entered into the Castle, into which they had [illegible] the Ladies carry'd, whom they found not there; and [illegible] the four [illegible] their [illegible] the [illegible] upon which they [illegible] they were [illegible] assistance that they could make, [illegible] of them were [illegible] the place, and the others [illegible] to Mercy, [illegible] principal of them [illegible] the [illegible] the Knight of the burning Sword [illegible] going into the Castle, [illegible] of the Villains, where [illegible] he [illegible]

My Lords, answer'd one of them, the Infanta [illegible] our Princess, who [illegible] him, has taken him within these few days a hunting, and we were [illegible] by one who came from them, that they would be here this day, or [illegible] Nor could any thing have befaln you more favourable than

than their Absence: For if he, for whom you ask, had been here, tho' your Prowess be great, nay extream, yet could you never have escap'd out of his Hands without Death, or Imprisonment.

[illegible] continued they this [illegible], till they came into a [illegible] Hall, where they found the [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible], [illegible] with [illegible], more dead, then living: But their Fear was soon over, when they perceived the King and the Knight of the Burning Sword, who incontinently unbound [illegible] [illegible] they [illegible] they were their Prisoners, whether they had any more, who answered them, they had.

Go then, and fetch some, said the King. They [illegible], and the Knight of the Burning Sword, and the Ladies took their Repose a while [illegible] to refresh themselves [illegible] they were conducted into a Chamber, where there were three [illegible], [illegible] about them [illegible] of [illegible], the [illegible] of the Room being [illegible], and curiously wrought. And while they were [illegible] them, the King [illegible] the Entrance of a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] were of [illegible] and Jasper, [illegible] he ask'd, what [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] 'Tis [illegible] the Chamber of Treasure [illegible] which none can enter: But he, who [illegible] Riches of this Person, [illegible] has enough to wonder at.

It shall be therefore to morrow, said the King: Repose being at this time very necessary for us: Nevertheless, good Sir, I would gladly know, by whom the Chamber is so well defended, and what Treasure there is in it, [illegible] to be so highly esteem'd.

Sir, answered [illegible], that I cannot well tell you none but the Queen [illegible] having ever entred into it, not so much, as her own Daughter. I have indeed heard it often affirm'd, that so great Riches are scarce to be found in the World besides: But it is so guarded by Enchantments, that none dare approach it.

We will not, said the Knight, [illegible] in so fair a way, [illegible] the Devil, rather than not see, what it is: Go you therefore to sleep, and leave us two lighted Tapers in this Chamber.

[illegible] being gone, [illegible] them, [illegible] The King, and the Knight of the Burning Sword [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] The Ladies [illegible] another Hall, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] night [illegible].

CHAP. XIV.

How the Knight of the Burning Sword went up to the Chamber of Treasure, where the Emperor of Trebisond, [illegible] of Greece, and Queen of Gaul were Enchanted; And what befel them.

The Knight of the Burning Sword, having [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] by Cynocephalus [illegible], the other in his [illegible], by [illegible] Beauty, could not take any rest for the Light of the Tapers that were burning in the Chamber: [illegible] as they were [illegible], thinking [illegible] of the Darkness [illegible] there came such a Brightness from the [illegible], [illegible] that [illegible]: And [illegible] some [illegible] [illegible] with his Sword in hand, [illegible] to the [illegible], [illegible] Light proceeded, he began to ascend the Stairs towards the Chamber of Treasure, till he came under a Portal, [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and thinking, that he really [illegible] [illegible] Images of [illegible] [illegible] wrought, that they wanted nothing but Life.

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], and all the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and other [illegible] [illegible], that from the [illegible] of them [illegible] such a Light, as twenty Torches could not have yielded a greater. [illegible] each [illegible] had in the left hand a [illegible] of Gold, with Latin Letters, and with the Right pointed to the [illegible], towards which their Faces were turn'd, [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], which [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] effect.

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] a [illegible], [illegible] on [illegible] Imperial Crown, [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] these Words:

[illegible], Emperor of Constantinople, the most excellent of all Magicians that ever [illegible].

[illegible], he [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] Chamber, where Amadis and Oriana [illegible] [illegible] than all others, that attempted to enter. The [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible], with the [illegible], cover'd with Flowers, [illegible] [illegible] King and Queen [illegible], as you [illegible] it [illegible] in the [illegible] of Amadis de Gaul. [illegible] [illegible] Library of Greece [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Constantinople, at such time as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] was of a very ancient time, in which Roll were the following [illegible].

[illegible], the great Philosopher, more [illegible] in [illegible] things, than any [illegible] [illegible] time.

The

[illegible] painted on the [illegible] [illegible] Greece, [illegible] Germane, and the other the Solitary Knight) [illegible] against all [illegible] after they had a long time [illegible].

[illegible] Pillar, and the Image of a [illegible] Medea, expert and skilful above all others in the Secrets of Nature.

[illegible] King Alpatracy [illegible] Crown, [illegible] Lisuart of Greece, and Onoloria, [illegible] in the [illegible] Book of Amadis of Gaul.

[illegible] of a Woman, [illegible] who was second to none.

[illegible] the Emperour Esplandian [illegible] Lion, with the [illegible].

[illegible] of Knights [illegible].

[illegible] most excellent [illegible].

[illegible] with the Colour of the [illegible] Esplandian [illegible]; the manner, how the said [illegible] King Armato, [illegible] Constantinople, how the [illegible] Urganda the Unknown, [illegible] a Chariot [illegible] the Burning Sword [illegible].

The next [illegible] of an Ancient Woman, [illegible].

[illegible] Amadis, Galaor, Agraies, and other [illegible] in the fourth Book of Amadis [illegible].

[illegible] a Queen [illegible].

[illegible] a Lover of Knowledge, and the [illegible] have been instructed, [illegible] and what it contains, especially to put [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Ah Sir, and who was he? said the Knight.

You shall know, said the King, but not now. We must first see the Wonders of this Place.

[illegible] which was immediately chang'd into Crystal, and they all entered without any [illegible] into the Chamber of Treasure, where there hung a Coat, wanting a Button, [illegible] with the

There appear'd in the air two Swords, [illegible] upon the Seat of Lucy, Queen Esther, Dorcis, and Dismonde, which they [illegible] cry'd out: Receive, fair Lady, this Reward, in testimony of having put an End to the strangest Adventure that ever was, or shall be prefer'd [illegible] Gentlewoman.

[illegible]

This is the Repreſentation of [illegible] during the Siege of Conſtantinople with King [illegible], who was ſlain with the Sword by the hand of King Armato, as is ſeen by the figure; [illegible] Kings that are about him, being in number ſeven and thirty, repreſent ſo many Princes, ſubject to them, who all dyed in his Company, fighting like valiant and hardy men, as they were. Now to perpetuate his Memory, his Siſter Zirfea, Queen of Argenes, has cauſ'd the Aſhes of his Body to be put in a Veſſel of Gold, [illegible] the magnificence of his burial a Teſtimony of the Affection, ſhe bear him, when living; and yet the more to honour him in his death, has given him in keeping the Key of this unparallell'd Treaſure, which ſhall be well defended, till ſuch time as the moſt perfect accompliſht Knight in the World ſhall enter in here, accompany'd by the faireſt Lady, then living; who by Vertue of the ſecret here, they ſhall have obtained her, ſhall ſeize on the Key, and open the [illegible]

In good faith, ſaid the King to the Knight of the burning Sword, this Prophecy is, I think, addreſt to you, and none elſe.

Ah Sir, anſwer'd he, all abaſh'd, you have power to ſay of me, as you pleaſe; but I am indeed of opinion, that my Lady your Daughter, who has begun to break the Enchantments, take the Key, to accompliſh the reſt.

Well then, ſaid the King, [illegible]

When he [illegible] Gradaſilea [illegible]

[illegible]

When Lucela [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

CHAP. XXV.

How Zarica entertained the Knight of the Burning Sword, and Gloria in the Castle of Treasure.

[illegible]

[illegible] Knight of the Burning Sword, which he had in his possession, [illegible] Gloria, he will answer, while he lived.

[illegible]

Combination [illegible]

which Zarica did only [illegible] incontinently [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Then Balan, [illegible] of Courage, seeing this [illegible] and his Father and [illegible] Prisoners, was ready to dye for [illegible]: and [illegible] he had not yet receiv'd the Order of Knighthood, he could not forbear saying to Gandalac [illegible]

As GOD shall save me, Sir Knight, if the Rights you have [illegible] in this Country, were to be determin'd by Combat between you and me, I should not question, but to make you know, that you have Cowardly and Unjustly entred [illegible], and would send your head to King [illegible], whose Vassals we are, and whom [illegible] by treating [illegible] manner you [illegible].

The King of the Sagittary Island, [illegible] Displeasure [illegible] put him in such a Rage, that he commanded Galeotes and Madasima to [illegible] in their [illegible], to whom he [illegible] Balan [illegible] liberty to go where thou list, and receive Knighthood [illegible] by the accursed [illegible], then I will stay for thee, and fight with thee as soon as thou shalt Return. And that thou mayest have more Reason [illegible], there shall not, by my Fathers soul, pass a day, but these, whom thou hast seen so well scourged, shall be yet more severely handled, in despight of [illegible] that he [illegible] believe in any Gods but mine.

Then he [illegible] Revenge; but [illegible] in which he left Galeotes and Madasima. [illegible] great Britain, and [illegible] [illegible] of his Country, and the [illegible] quite contrary to his expectations; for the [illegible]

[illegible] the Corne [illegible]

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CHAP. XXXII.

How the Emperor of Russia, the King of Spain, and all the other Princes, Knights, or Ladies, and Gentlewomen, did repair to the Castle of the Burning Sword, upon the Marriage.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Ariana, willing to shew them the Beauty and [illegible] [illegible] of the Place, address'd her self to the Queen, saying: You Madam, and this excellent Company, having so far honour'd Ariana, 'tis reasonable she should endeavour, in some sort, to acknowledge it by giving you the Pleasure of certain singularities which are here, and which several have sometimes thought to be strange. Will it please you therefore to see them.

Yes indeed answer'd the Queen, 'tis what we request of you.

Then they rose from their Places, and went [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], on which being mounted, they entred into a great Park, part of which was curiously planted with Rows of Orange-trees, Lemon-trees, Myrtles, Pomegranates, Cypress, Laurels, Lentisk, Olive, Fig-trees, Palm-trees, [illegible] and several others, wonderfully pleasant. A little higher, on a small [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] a Rivulet, proceeding from many pleasant Fountains, which water'd the Place, where 'twas [illegible], in the midst of which there was an high Pillar of Amber, that cast forth such abundance of water, as made a spacious Lake. Then going on the left hand, they entred into a long Walk, set on each side with Elms, Lime-trees, and Sycamores, which so [illegible] it, that the Sun in the height of Summer could not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of it, Arbours of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Laurels and [illegible]. In the midst was a Round of an hundred paces over, where were Pallas, Juno, and Venus of white Marble, who look on Paris, sleeping on a [illegible] [illegible], whence [illegible] [illegible] Fountain, in which they all took so much Pleasure, that they had not any thoughts of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a Cloud, that they all lost sight of each other, and suddenly heard a [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] the [illegible], so that the whole Park resounded the Noise. Alas, poor Ladies, were you not then afraid. Yes certainly were you, and in such manner, that you thought immediately to dye. For the last mention'd Fountain [illegible] [illegible] into so great a Fire, that the Flames seem'd by little and little to have set on the whole Park, those, who beheld this wonder, expecting nothing but a miserable and dreadful end, and cursing Ariana, who had [illegible] brought them thither, to take, as they thought, Vengeance for the [illegible], she had receiv'd of them. And the more to encrease their Fear, they heard, on the great Lake, such a Noise & Thunder, that they thought, Heaven and Earth would come together, when they perceiv'd rushing from thence towards them a great and terrible Serpent, casting Fire and Flame through his Eyes, Nostrils, and Throat. And upon him the Infanta Ariana, holding in her hand a naked Sword, with which she gave the Beast such a blow between his Ears, that, tho' the Greatness of the Pain, he leapt into the Basin of the Fountain, where he began to so beat himself, that the Knights, Ladies, and Gentlewomen, were wet with the Water, which spurted up, and fell from their Horses to the Ground, yet without receiving any farther Hurt. When the Darkness vanishing, and the Weather becoming clear and bright, they all found themselves in the

Ooo [illegible]

[illegible] of the Burning Sword; for he remembrd it was the [illegible] to leave off the Combat against Elphanorin in the Defended Mountain.

For this cause every one was pleas'd to see her, and the Emperor embrac'd her, and also the Knight of the Burning Sword, who said to her: My great Friend, [illegible] leave to kiss you.

She, [illegible] enough [illegible], what he ask'd at, humble salute [illegible] Sir Knight, you know the great Desire I have to do you service, and how much I am yours.

Lilvart and Perion, wondering at this Acquaintance, knew not what [illegible] of it. Neverthelss they took at that time no notice, hereafter they [illegible] for [illegible] the Gift to them. My Lords, my Father and Mother, [illegible] in all humility, and send you word, by me, that for your Good you [illegible] Delay with this Ship, since 'tis requisite, you be henceforth freed by them, who [illegible] you, and are in very great Pain for your Absence. Therefore consider if you will believe their Counsel, for they love you, and desire your praise, as you have often enough experienced.

The Emperor (who had been at Dalidon, to speak near for the Day of Grace to return into Trebisond) confirming, that it will [illegible] from [illegible] without perceiving, endeavor to follow them all day, [illegible] of us would disobey. Perion answer'd, we [illegible] for me, I am ready, without contradicting, to the Place, from whence we [illegible] this morning.

[illegible] Lucenia [illegible] to the [illegible] as [illegible] found in the Secret, when he was panting, as you were [illegible] painting of this Dolorous, [illegible] to [illegible] Perion, saying, thereto Queen of Argenis, [illegible] Trebisond, [illegible] with [illegible] other [illegible].

[illegible] the Emperor, and the other Knights, [illegible] with [illegible] of Argenis, [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] them, and for recommending themselves to the Protection of [illegible] from Alquife's Kindness, which [illegible] Knight, [illegible] to go first to Trebisond. This he was by the [illegible] with [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] entreating the [illegible] to return to [illegible], having [illegible] the Knight [illegible] the Damsel of Savoy [illegible] about [illegible], [illegible] the next morning betimes.

CHAP. XXXV.

How [illegible] the Damsel related her Misfortune to King Amadis; and of the Discourse they had together.

KING Amadis, being thus gone off from the Castle of [illegible], [illegible] to the Castle a little [illegible], requesting her to acquaint him with the occasion of her [illegible] Plight, and her Discontent.

Which she willingly granted, saying to him: Your Majesty will be pleased to understand, that my Father was Lord of the great [illegible], so call'd for being bigger and larger than any other of the four and fifty Islands. And tho' he were [illegible], had he many good and virtuous Customs, he was very [illegible], and a Practiser of friendly Hospitality towards his neighbours. One of whom, who was a wicked and traiterous [illegible], abusing that my Father's Courtesy and good Nature, pretended to be so much his Friend, that he lov'd him above all others. He, of whom I speak, and who is nam'd [illegible], came [illegible] above fifteen days since, with a Cousin of his into the great [illegible], where they were very well received. Now the next day after dinner, this Villain [illegible] leaving Company to walk in the Garden. My Father [illegible] of the [illegible] Malice, commanded me to go along with him; and [illegible] and I were some time together without his speaking any thing that might displease me; but at last he press'd me to grant him my Love.

I then, being much amaz'd, frankly answer'd him, that I would rather dye, than do that injury to my Lineage, setting before his Eyes the good Entertainment and great Reception my Father had given him, to which he ought to have regard.

Say you so? said he. *Yet must you obey me, whether you will or no; nevertheless I pray [illegible] it may be by [illegible], and not by force.*

Certainly, answer'd I then to him, *I would sooner [illegible] my self [illegible].*

Notwithstanding that, my Resistance hindred him not from attempting to dishonour me by force, which made me cry out so loud, that my Father, who was then discoursing with [illegible] Cousin, came to my Assistance, asking me the cause of my Cry.

Ah, said I, *this Villain would have dishonour'd me by force.*

My Father, not without cause, provoked hereat, stoop'd down to take up a stick which lay at his Feet, and before he could get up again, the Traytor, drawing a Scymeter, which hung at his side, gave him such a blow on the Neck, that he separated his head from his body.

Then

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Gradamarte, indeed, I believe, that whosoever [illegible] [illegible] Wherefore I will never [illegible] [illegible] will help him to my power, [illegible] living. And nevertheless, I have [illegible] Know, that (setting hatred aside) I am [illegible] principally ordain'd for such occasions.

[illegible] Amadis [illegible] shall come to an end together [illegible] Gradamarte [illegible] Madasson [illegible] [illegible] the damsels Malfacha, knowing the danger to be run in the Adventure, [illegible] the sword of her Dwarf on the Fields, ran to take it, and began to cast it with

Then ſpeaking as [illegible] the Combat that had been between them, from the beginning unto the concluſion with the Conqueſt of Trebiſond, the King of Sicily, the Queen, the Infante Lucela, Prince Olorius, and ſeveral others [illegible] the [illegible], with Liſtening Perion.

Alas! ſaid the Queen, this is good News. I beſeech GOD to grant me the Grace, that I may ſoon hear the like of the King.

This [illegible] this continually throughout the whole Palace, ſo that it came to the [illegible] King of [illegible], Angriote d'Eſtravaus, and ſeveral other good Knights, all [illegible] to the Queen, who made them often partakers of her Pleaſure; [illegible] Alquife forgot to tell them, in what a wonderful manner the Emperor and his Company had been accompanied by the Knight of the burning Sword. [illegible] ſaid the Queen, I did not think he would ever have done me ſo great a Favour.

In good faith, Madam, anſwered Alquife, he is ſo virtuous, and ſo good conditioned, that nothing but happineſs is to be expected from him.

And will he not come to ſee us? ſaid the Queen.

No, Madam, anſwer'd Alquife; for he was ſeparated from us by a ſtrange Adventure.

Ah GOD! replied the Queen, how am I diſpleas'd at it! For, though at firſt he gave us much [illegible], I will not [illegible] he has done, what you aſſure us.

Madam, ſaid Alquife, you will, as I think, ſoon have the others here, among whom is the King of Sicily's daughter, who is the faireſt and diſcreeteſt Princeſs, [illegible] by whoſe [illegible] Enchantments were in part brought to an [illegible]

[illegible] the King [illegible] my opinion that (if you pleaſe) [illegible] and receive them in your [illegible] Kingdom; for it was [illegible] The King would be much diſpleaſed, if the Emperor and the King of Sicily ſhould not be received as the greatneſs of their Quality deſerves.

[illegible] ſaid the Queen [illegible] and what [illegible] ſuch perſons from hence [illegible] Tell them from me, that the King's abſence ſhall not hinder [illegible] them the beſt reception I can, and recommend me affectionately to their good Graces, eſpecially to the Queen of Sicily, and the Infanta her Daughter; Tell my Children alſo, that they by no means delay to come and ſee me, and bring all the reſt with them.

King Arban [illegible] with a great Company of Knights [illegible] the Emperor [illegible] to inform [illegible] the Queen [illegible] them [illegible] manner he could.

Certainly, ſaid the Emperor, we would in no wiſe fail ſo good a Princeſs; but I doubt [illegible] Men will not be able to [illegible], they are ſo exceedingly wounded, [illegible]

Then they went into the [illegible], where Persen and Florelus [illegible] [illegible] King Arthur, [illegible] [illegible] whether the King and Queen [illegible].

My Lord, answered he, I can give you no account of the Kings, [illegible] but the Queen desires you and [illegible] to come and see her as soon as possible you can, and to bring with you these Lords and Ladies.

To day, said Persen, it cannot be; but to morrow [illegible] time I will cause a Litter to be made, to carry this [illegible] Knight [illegible]. You will therefore return to her, with our [illegible] and [illegible] to her good Grace.

Therefore King Arthur, after he had [illegible] [illegible] of the Company, return'd back to London, where he acquainted the Queen with the [illegible] of their [illegible], that they would be with her the next day at Dinner. [illegible] for this cause, she commanded [illegible] up, and her Palace to be adorn'd in the most Magnificent manner possible.

CHAP. XLII.

How the Emperor of [illegible], and his Company [illegible] to visit Queen [illegible], and of the Discourse they had together.

After King Arthur had left the [illegible], the Emperor of Savoy, knowing that they were all to part for London, [illegible] making a Litter to carry Florelus and Persen. [illegible] who were carry'd in [illegible], that they might not be [illegible] by the way. [illegible] came the Emperor of Savoy [illegible] Chariot, adorn'd with Cloth of Gold. [illegible] Knights [illegible] of Florelus's Victory, and [illegible], which so pleased Persen, that he [illegible] in the [illegible] with the others, [illegible].

Sir, [illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] my Friend, call my Lord Persen, that I will obey him, since 'tis his pleasure [illegible] will put it in the place [illegible].

When [illegible] to the [illegible] and raised it up to the top of the Chariot [illegible] be hung at Persens Litter, [illegible], and in such [illegible], they entred into the City of London, [illegible] King Arthur, [illegible] Knights, and [illegible]. [illegible], and the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] their [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] by [illegible] the Infanta Lucela [illegible] consolation, with which she was more content, than if Great Britain it self had fain to her by Succession. [illegible] certain'd the Dutchess of Austria, but [illegible] [illegible] the Marquess of Savoy [illegible] they try'd themselves together, there was at the [illegible] as you have heard.

Then came the Queen Oriana, clad in Black Cloth, for the Absence of King Amadis, and at the Entrance of the Hall, gave them a very great and sumptuous Reception. Which yet were so many fair Ladies, and Damosels, and so richly adorn'd, that they seemed rather Goddesses descended on the Earth, than Mortal Women. The Knights, then, Gentlemen, Ladies, and Embassies on the one side and the other, being thus brought up [illegible] Queen Oriana [illegible] her self to the Infanta Lucela, and said to her:

Madam, as I have been given to understand, I have at this day by your Means my two Sons, [illegible].

Madam, answer'd she, your Majesty is to give thanks only to one, who is at this time absent from this Company, it being the Goodness and high Prowess, that is in him, was the Cause of their being disenchanted.

GOD, said the Queen, grant me the Favor, that I may one day see him in the Presence of the King; For I am sure he will honor him as he deserves. And as for you, I shall all my Life be thankful to you both, for what you have done.

Having this Discourse, Oriana took such Delight in beholding the very great beauty of Lucella, that she could not take her Eyes from off her, when Lisvart came to present her his [illegible], presenting to her Gradafilea, whom she had formerly seen at Constantinople. 'Twould be little to the purpose to acquaint you with the Discourse they had together, let it suffice, that they were all highly satisfied with the good Reception, and Honour, that was given them. And because Perion and Florestan had been conducted into their Chamber, without coming into the Hall, she went to visit them, and embracing them one after the other, she said to them:

Alas! my Children, over dear has this first knowledge cost you, I could heartily wish it were GOD's Pleasure, that you were in better health, than I see you. And you Son [illegible], what an Injury have you done your Mother in concealing your self so many days! Indeed you have much offended me.

Madam, answer'd he, I beseech you to pardon me: For my keeping my self thus conceal'd, was the more to honor the King, and your Majesty, to whom I durst not own a Relation; not having done any thing, that might render me worthy of such an Alliance: Especially considering the Goodness and Prowess of my Father, so much esteem'd amongst the best Knights in the world.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

CHAP. XLIV.

How the Giant Lerfan of the Rock came to the great Siclades, where King Amadis gave him to Wife Malfadea, and then turn'd back for Great Britain.

FOur days did King Amadis ſtay in the great Siclades after the departure of Gaſtidamart and the Knight of the burning Sword, expecting them from hour to hour, but ſeeing he had no news of them, he became much troubled, nevertheleſs he was well ſatisfied that it proceeded not from any Fault of theirs, but from the Sea, which mightily hinder'd the Mariners and Pilots that ſail'd on it. Now Malfadea took ſo careful a care of him, that he began to amend, and his wounds to cloſe and well, ſo that within three weeks he was wholly cured, and ready to bear Arms and take his Journey. And he was in a Reſolution to return, when there arrived in the Port a Ship, in which there ſailed ſeveral Knights, who accompanyed a young Giant, a Valiant Man, named Lerfan of the Rock, ſo called for a ſtrong Caſtle he held in an Iſland, ſituated on the Top of an high Rock. Now Lerfan had been advertiſed of the Treaſon, committed by Maſcaron, and for the Love he bare Malfadea, was minded to revenge her injury, and reſtore her to her Countrey; and to do this, he could never be at reſt till he had defeated Maſcaron, and thoſe that belong'd to him. For the performance whereof, having prepared himſelf, he came into the great Siclades, with a good Troop of young Knights, and other Perſons. Which being come to the knowledge of King Amadis, he ſent one of Malfadea's People, to ſee what he would have. Now by this Lerfan of the Rock underſtood the Tyrant's Death, which gave him no ſmall pleaſure, though his Joy would yet have been greater, had he himſelf arrived time enough to execute this Revenge for her; whereupon he gave the Meſſenger this Anſwer.

Friend, recommend me affectionately to your Miſtreſs, and tell her that I parted from my Countrey, to chaſtiſe Maſcaron; and nevertheleſs, ſince another has prevented me, tell her, that I may at leaſt ſee her before my Removal, which will greatly be a ſatisfaction to me, for the pains I have taken for her ſake.

The Meſſenger returned, and as ſoon as he was come, of which Amadis and Malfadea were ſo pleaſed, that they ſent back to tell him he ſhould be very welcome. When he ſet forth towards them in good Order, and they gave him a ſuitable Reception. Lerfan would gladly have known the Knight that fought Maſcaron, and therefore enquired of Malfadea whether he were ſtill in the Countrey.

The King, who was preſent, anſwered that 'twas he, and deſired to know what he askt for him.

Sir Knight, ſaid Lerfan, for no other Reaſon, but to ſerve and honour you; for beſides the favour you have done my Lady, by undertaking ſo much in her Quarrel, I have underſtood that you have reſtor'd into her hands this land, which belongs to her, for which I give you very great thanks, and beſeech you, that for your ſake, and

for the Love I have born her all my Life, you will perswade her to love me, and to give me for her Husband.

Amadis, not knowing the Damsels Mind, could not tell, what to answer: But she took up the Discourse, saying: Indeed my Lord [illegible], I have long known the Affection, you bear me, so that if the King commands me, he and you shall be obey'd.

Since you both consent, answer'd Amadis, I will not contradict it, let us go to dinner, that we may have the better Courage to perfect, and give an End to this Business.

Then were the Tables cover'd, and they were serv'd with a Banquet of such [illegible] as could be gotten, during which these Accords pass'd: That before Night came on, the Contract was made, and [illegible] together to the great Contentment of them both. And the King staid therewith the next day of the next Week, when he embark'd, taking leave of the new-marry'd Couple, who would have given him a great Train to conduct him: But he refus'd all, except the two Damsels [illegible] were with him [illegible], launching forth into the Deep.

CHAP. XLV.

How King Amadis, sailing thro' the Mediterranean Sea, to enter into the [illegible] met Queen [illegible], Wife to [illegible], King of [illegible], who was in quest of the Knight of the Burning Sword, to defend her against the false Accusation, which [illegible], had made of their Loves.

King Amadis, being parted from the Port of the great [illegible] to the [illegible] of his two [illegible], pass'd incontinently the Aegean Sea, at the going out of which there join'd them a light Ship, wherein there was a Pavilion of Cloth of Gold, and under it a very rich Bed, on which repos'd a Morish Queen having a Crown on her head, clad and adorned only with costly Stones, and appearing extremely discontented. By her sat two Damsels, leaning their heads on their left Hands, like Women oppress'd with Grief: And by her side were two black Knights, so weak, that they were even unable with Age, and more appearing [illegible] with Arms of great Value. The King was in some sort amaz'd, yet he courteously saluted them, and one of them, perceiving his Salutation, said to him:

Good Champion, GOD give you a favourable Adventure: Can you tell us any News of a Person, nam'd the Knight of the Burning Sword?

The King, in whom the Desire of knowing, what they would have, very [illegible], answer'd: My Lord, he parted from me not many days since, and 'twould be difficult for me to tell you at this time, where he is, and more difficult, as I believe for you to find him: But forasmuch as I greatly love such a Knight, if you please to acquaint me with the Business, you have with him, I will

endeavor to tell you further, when I know of him. And if I can, there is nothing
that grieves Tower, but I will not in his Road undertake, so do his Majesty's
Service.

On this affurance, answer'd the old man, and if, because you seem to be a
gent man, I will handle you. Understand, Sir Ralph, that the Lady, whom you
see lying here, is Queen of Spain. Yours to King Gonzago, whose name (Father
we are). This King calling Pedlere to make pit of which Footman, some of his gave
him about ten or twelve years since a Chain, Cost 6 the Gentleman of the Morning
Bargain, for the Representation of a Sword, which he has naturally printed on his
Stomach, red as blood, with certain words Chambers, which have not yet
been offered by any one, as we know of. The King did him to those Honors
based him up with the Ten Thousand and Fifty Pounds Order of Knighthood
to that intended of Gentlemen for his this day, and the Gentlemen, as the Morning
Bargain, Wizard now feeling him, and to find himself parted from Death, [illegible]
Equipage, you see. And today and you may [illegible] and the Fall, this
Bungle at the Morning Bargain being you in Spain a Gentleman, Sir to the of the
great Prince of Spain, requested the King, that he, of whom I speak, could
answer Treason against his Majesty, stealing the Queen Barnes, who is here pre-
sent, as which the King exceedingly displeased, thought to ascertain this unworthy
Act, by surprizing them together; but he was deceiv'd; for the Bargain of the
Morning Bargain was advertiz'd of it, and absented himself. Of that since we have
had no News of him. And for this cause the King commanded the Queen to be ta-
ken, and bear strictly, till such time as he had recovered the Adulterer, to pun-
ish the Time Fire. Nevertheless being, that this great Fortune had been already ma-
ny days delay'd, and that the other was a bugger in his Country, he clear'd to
[illegible] in Execution against the Queen.

But he offered to prove his innocence by a Knight, who should fight [illegible]
For to was his Accusemant'd. To which the King would in no wise have given
Ear, but one, whose kindnesses, and many other services of his Ancestors, moved
with Compassion, persuaded him to grant it. Which being come to Mandrake's
knowledge he came with a great Resolute to [illegible] that he would not only
defend his Assertion, but would bring a Cousin of his, that should maintain it to the
Death, and that they two together would enter the Field against two others, such as
the Queen could find. And having so said, he drew down his pledge, but the
Queen has many great kindred, yet none dare come to take it up, not for any doubt
of her Innocence, but for the great Prowess, that is had to be in the two Adversaries.
Thus was Prince Frederick so forry, that he took up the pledge, and offered himself alone to fight in person for the Justification of his Mother. Which they re-
fused, saying, that they would never put hand to Sword against the only Son of
their Sovereign Lord. Thus was the good Lady, dismate in a manner of all Re-
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

My great Friend, [illegible] the King, [illegible] I known you as well [illegible] I should have given you more Respect: But the Trouble, I was in at the wicked Words, I heard spoken of the Queen, made me forget all Courtesy, and even my own natural Disposition, which is to receive graciously all Strangers, that come to my Court. Therefore, I beseech you [illegible] Ah, Sir, [illegible] Amadis, You do me Wrong: I am a simple Knight, [illegible]

[illegible] Grandmother Queen Oriana. Which coming to the Ears of Acayus, [illegible] [illegible] any further Answer.

These things [illegible] to be making, when Acayus and Eleclarius were [illegible] another young Prince, [illegible] pretending to the same Happiness. Acayus [illegible] good looks, they gave each other [illegible] produc'd afterwards a great deal of Mischief [illegible] the Duke of Buillon was a young, lusty, [illegible] Eleclarius knowing, that he came from a Race of [illegible] him, whose Love and Service [illegible] would rise, to be Empress of the whole world, [illegible] increased him more [illegible] that he had found Means to [illegible] which Acayus had made the Princess, at which he [illegible] be revenged of his Cousin, and by killing him to get wholly rid of him. And [illegible] much contributed thereto, Understanding, that the Emperor had, on occasion of so great a Court, caused a Lists to be set up for [illegible] Acayus put himself in the best Equipage he could, [illegible] in favour of his [illegible] to Do feats of Arms, and shew himself such, as he was. And to the end, she might the better know him, [illegible] amongst others he came to the Palace, where the Tables were [illegible] for Dinner, a Great and sumptuous [illegible] during which Acayus could not be [illegible] his Eye continually on her, [illegible] he loved with all his heart. And she [illegible] minded it not, as being young, and not [illegible] till the Tables were taken away, and the Knights and [illegible] went into the Court, where they found their Horses ready [illegible] that Occasion. [illegible] Acayus [illegible] Eleclarius, [illegible]

time

[illegible]

[illegible] XLIII.

Heaven, Power of Satan, Time of the Will Demon, and of the great Gods, Ra [illegible] Ra, Osiris, and Isis, Osiris, and Horus on the Empire.

[illegible]

[illegible] fell dead in the place. Which Dinerpius perceiving, he entred into such Fury, that disarmed as he was, he flew at the [illegible] there arm'd, striking him so strongly, that he cleaved him to the very Brains. [illegible]: For many valiant Men, who were there present, [illegible] their Cloaks about their Arms, and with their naked Swords a long time resisted the Traytors. Now Dinerpius knew that he could not avoid present death: wherefore he resolved to sell his Life dear, so that he slew yet one Man more ere he fell, without speaking a word more, notwithstanding [illegible] one of the Traytors got behind him, and wounded him through the body.

As I said Dinerpius [illegible] twenty about [illegible] from the [illegible] of his body. When they [illegible] fell at the feet of the Duke, who [illegible] Dinerpius should [illegible] cut off his head.

[illegible] and the [illegible], Brisena and Esclarian, who were in their Chamber, heard the noise, and sent [illegible] a Damsel to know what the matter might be; but as soon as she came into the Hall, she perceived the Emperor dead, and [illegible] in a swound on the body. At which being greatly afraid, she returned to the [illegible], to whom she [illegible]. Alas, Ladies! [illegible] the wicked Duke of [illegible] hath slain the Emperor, and all those that accompanied him. [illegible] the Princess Brisena found no better remedy than to take her Daughter [illegible], and going under the [illegible] of the Palace, came to a Sally-port on the [illegible], where they perceived a [illegible], into which they entred: and [illegible] with so much swiftness, that they came to [illegible] it was day. [illegible] who lay concealed in the [illegible], ran forth armed into the [illegible], killing and wounding all they met. There was a pitiful [illegible], for these wicked [illegible] spared not the poor Women, who with their [illegible] for her Husband, another her Father or her Brother. [illegible] till it was day, and the [illegible] to [illegible] the Princess Brisena and [illegible] for he had the Empress and all her Damsels in safe custody, [illegible] in every place, and nevertheless they could have no [illegible] of them. At which the Duke being exceedingly vext, caused it to be publisht by sound of Trumpet, that they should be brought forth on pain of death: and that if they should be found after the Proclamation, those that should have concealed them, should be [illegible]. But [illegible] in vain, the Good Ladies were out of his power, and at the [illegible]. [illegible] whereof the Traytor [illegible] on the Empire of [illegible] and [illegible] raise Souldiers on all sides, to destroy who ever should contradict him: And for this cause there were assembled in a little time above twenty thousand men, with whom he did innumerable Evils, commanding, before he went forth of [illegible], that the Emperor and his [illegible] be [illegible] in the same place where [illegible]

[illegible] mumbling themſelves ; till they were [illegible] Charge, who accompanied by [illegible] and whom they had in their pay. [illegible] They were wondering to ſee in this little Boat, [illegible] Ladies in ſo good a Company, and weeping in many tears, immediately [illegible] they would [illegible] a good Countenance ; and [illegible] Eſclariana's great Beauty, they [illegible] courteouſly ſaluted them.

[illegible] that for certain [illegible] they [illegible] exaſperating her ſelf againſt them, [illegible] ſaying ; Traytors, Murderers, diſloyal to your Natural Lord, what will you have with me, or this poor Maiden, who is Fatherleſs, and depriv'd of all things ? Make an end, Wretches, of killing us, and let your Rage be glutted with our blood ; for to live any longer is troubleſome to us.

[illegible] Complaints, [illegible] could not forbear weeping ; wondring [illegible] in her ſuch a Paſſion. [illegible] Lady, there is none in this Company, that will [illegible] have we ever, as I believe, ſeen you before ; and [illegible] to avenge you on thoſe, of whom you complain, if we had an Opportunity ; wherefore tell us, if you pleaſe, who they are, and the Occaſion of your Complaint.

[illegible]

And think it not ſtrange, [illegible] if my Sorrow is extream : For I [illegible] at this day without help, without wealth, and wholly ruin'd ; nevertheleſs, I hope that [illegible] the Pleaſure we ſhall receive from you, may in time be well [illegible] which makes me humbly beſeech you, ſince Fortune has thrown us into your hands, that our Honour may be preſerv'd, as we have Confidence in your Goodneſs and Courteſy ; for nothing elſe is left us.

[illegible] that we will in nothing injure you, and that we will ſerve and honour you to our Power.

[illegible] and on this [illegible] ſelves to you.

[illegible] length [illegible] they went forth upon the Deck, praiſing to one another Eſclariana's excellent

[illegible] the two Pirats entreating this great Princeſs [illegible] to make her their [illegible], [illegible] the good Ladies remain'd wonderfully [illegible], [illegible] by the Words of the Pirats, and the Promiſes they made them. [illegible] they ſent for them by one of their Soldiers, who [illegible] found himſelf ſo ſurpriſ'd with her Love, that he [illegible] her. And he never took his eye from her, till they were again [illegible] into the Cabin, where being wearied and tired with their ill [illegible], they lay down in their Cloaths, and fell aſleep, the other Ladies remaining there [illegible] of them [illegible] of attaining to the [illegible] of [illegible].

CHAP. [illegible]

How one of the Soldiers, belonging to the two Pirats, ſtole away the Infanta [illegible], and, being about to force her, ſhe was ſuccour'd by Dom [illegible], and of a ſtrange Adventure that befel them afterwards.

AS ſoon as the Ladies were fallen aſleep, he who had [illegible] with a Wanton Eye, as we have told you, was ſo inflam'd with her Love, that he did nothing all Night but ſigh, thinking how he might attain to his deſire. And in this thought, hearing his Companions ſnore, he aroſe ſoftly up, and came to the Door of the Cabin, where the Ladies were, which [illegible]; [illegible] ſuddenly, he came very near them, and [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] in his Cheeks, [illegible] Alas! if I do not ſoon enjoy this Woman, 'tis impoſſible that I can live! In an ill hour did I ſee that great Beauty, with which ſhe is endow'd.

Then he began to think with himſelf, that he might eaſily carry her away without noiſe; wherefore he went, and [illegible], and [illegible] into the [illegible], he took the [illegible] in his Arms, and [illegible] her, ſo ſoftly [illegible] the Boat, [illegible] to the Ship, which he [illegible]; and covering his Boat with his Cloak, began to [illegible] without being perceiv'd by any one. Thus they paſs'd on all the Night, ſhe never awaking; but about an hour before day this Knight, no longer able to endure the [illegible] that tormented him, being ſo near the Fountain [illegible] all things [illegible], he [illegible] the [illegible] of his Paſſion, and approaching [illegible], went about to [illegible] her, when ſhe awaking, ſtarted up, and finding her ſelf thus alone, began to cry out: Bleſſed Lord, help me! What is this! Do I dream, or is it Truth, that I ſee? And you, ſaid ſhe to the Knight, who are you, that have awak'd me?

Dear Madam, anſwer'd he, what you ſee, is no Dream, but I have brought you away in this Boat, as well for the Love I bear you, as to deliver you out of the

[illegible]

hands of those who would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Place whence this Villain ſtole me, as I was ſleeping near a Lady, [illegible] it was almoſt [illegible] by length of Time [illegible]

[illegible] And have you not [illegible]

Yes indeed, Madam, [illegible] Lady [illegible] for it is yours, [illegible] it would not be reaſonable I ſhould conceal any thing from you, that you deſire to underſtand; and therefore I [illegible] that I am [illegible] Son to the King of [illegible], who has not this long time heard any News of me, becauſe I have [illegible] Paſſions for [illegible] Lady, to whom I had given my heart, [illegible] this day, that I am fain from one [illegible] to a greater: And may Heaven be pleaſed to give you knowledge of the Good I wiſh you, and the Evil I ſuffer for your Love, [illegible] the Heat, [illegible] ſorrowful and without any [illegible]

[illegible]

her in Wedding, with a very fair Crown on her Head, and in the Marble were engraven certain Golden Letters, which Florisan, though skilled in many Languages, could not read.

The Giant of this Enchantment applying very Fair and Black, Wherefore [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the old [illegible], when he was changed into an horrible Serpent, which, beating its Wings, and shaking the Earth, leapt into the Mouth of the Lake, leaving [illegible] the most amazed Man in the World. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] Rock: wherefore Florisan, [illegible] saying [illegible] GOD never help me if I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] foot [illegible] the Rock, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], being ready to [illegible] him to the ground. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gave him such a blow with his Sword, that he separated one of his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fell down at the [illegible] giving a great Cry; [illegible] Florisan fell upon him, and made [illegible] of killing him, when [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sir Knight, had you ever [illegible] Power, as so lightly to kill the [illegible] of my [illegible]?

This said, the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all her strength [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Well, you shall [illegible] the [illegible] in this place.

[illegible] Florisan received the blow of the [illegible], yet he [illegible] [illegible] thought on nothing but keeping the Entrance of the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that Florisan and Belarisa [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], till at length he found himself in an obscure Dungeon, [illegible] with [illegible], where he could not see for the Darkness of the place. But let us leave them all Three in this Condition, and return to the [illegible] [illegible], who [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

CHAP.

[illegible]

[illegible] Wicedly [illegible] to part from a Lady, whom I love more than my life, and [illegible] Vestal.

[illegible] I will make him repent.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Alas! alas! Sir, answered she, You may well [illegible] Fortune, the [illegible] and most wretched, that ever [illegible] poor distressed woman! [illegible] Fate has thrown me from the high Estate, in which you had placed me, to the lowest he could, leaving me without Husband, Children, or any Wealth whatever. Alas! the Traitorous Duke of Dulkes has cruelly slain Arquill and his Son, and my daughter and I, flying the Fury, found means to steal away, and get a little Boat, into which we entered, without any other guide but GOD, [illegible] whom it pleased to try (as I believe) my Patience, to let us fall into the Hands of Idolatrous Pirates, who cunningly, and without my perceiving it, (with so found a sleep was I oppressed) have stolen away Dorasinda, and carried her I know not whither. Alas! was she alone left for my Comfort? And it is indeed a Wonder, I have been alive till this hour. For the Villains were calling Loos to dispatch me, [illegible] Dorasinda, and cut with his Company, who vigorously [illegible] I doubt they would have had [illegible] enough to do without your happy arrival. And, alas, Sir, in the Cave [illegible] in which you had your daughter, full of all Sorrow and Distress, [illegible]

[illegible] Amadis, [illegible] Lamentations, [illegible] Daughter, You have Reason to grieve, tho' you cannot by your Tears recall what is done. One only thing I assure you, that it is the Resolution of the Traitors, which cannot be but grievous, but his Treason has been greater [illegible] I will [illegible] for my part about it, that it shall [illegible] while the World shall last. And as for your Daughter, I hope in our Lord, that he will not forsake her, more than he has done you, and that you shall one day see her in good health, without having suffered Shame or Outrage. Comfort your self therefore, and take to you a Man's Heart, tho' you are but a Woman, shewing the House of which you are descended, being Daughter to a King of Gaul, which is indeed the most constant and generous Nation at this day on the Earth.

[illegible] Amadis [illegible], that she was, in some measure comforted: But the King, bitterly lamenting himself, turned to Oriana, to whom, that he might change the Discourse, complaining of [illegible] the great Blow with the Princess, he had received, he said in Spite:

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Hence, Cannot I Cry you Alms, Gentle [illegible] I, in good sooth, I could never have thought, that you would do such a [illegible] the Goodness of [illegible] I heartily pardon you.

On my Soul, Sir, [illegible] Nothing but truth, if all your Serviceable words and the Merited your Favour in this Honour, as you lately charg'd with me, you would find but a few, that would long keep you. Gentlemen, and you have Reason to pardon me: for truthes, that the Reason [illegible] Resolution.

Now is two o'clock [illegible], and they but [illegible] all [illegible] Gentlemen the Clock, [illegible] and [illegible] they were Drinking and Discoursing, the King said, it might Not [illegible] here.

Sir, answer the Gentlemen, We are not far from Sicily.

So much to better fish for.

Then [illegible] to go ashore at Naples, and [illegible] from thence into Spain to King Brian, and [illegible] Britain, and [illegible] Ambassador for the redemption [illegible] Princess Bonny; [illegible] not to return into Great Britain, till he has performed it. [illegible] Sailors, [illegible] Admiral [illegible] Wherefore he Resolve the [illegible] Ortiano, [illegible] Gallia, [illegible] Gandalin, [illegible] Knight of the Burning [illegible] London Gentlemen, of which the King [illegible] Galatea, and Madelina.

And I am sorry, [illegible] that I was not there to reconcile the Emperor of Scythia, and the King of Sicily, but it shall be for another time. [illegible] is, that I effected my Journey well employed, for I have preserved a poor Damsel to her Country that was taken from her; and saved the Queen of Sicily's Honour, who was Accused [illegible] Adultery.

Now he relates particularly to [illegible] of the Enterprise he has made, and the fruit that had come of them.

CHAP. LII.

How the Emperor of Trebisond, the King of Sicily, and others, who expected the Return of King Amadis in [illegible], seeing his Stay, took leave of the Queen and departed.

You have been told in the foregoing Chapter, that the Emperor of Trebisond, and the King of Sicily promised Queen Oriana to stay there [illegible] the King Amadis; now at the end of that time, seeing that he did not return, they resolved together, to wit, the Emperor into Trebisond, and King [illegible] into Gaul, having to recover the Kingdom of Sicily: Wherefore the Queen knowing that she should do them wrong to detain them any longer, would no farther importune them, save that she desired the King of Sicily to leave with her, while the War lasted, the Queen and her Daughter, which he liked very well, as did the Ladies also; For this Request came in part from them. And of this Lucella had been the Mover,

that ſhe might ſtay for the Knight of the Burning Sword, as ſhe had ſent him word by Macetta.

Theſe Princes then being upon their Embarkment, Liſvart and Perion, who thought long till they ſaw their Miſtreſſes, would not leave the Emperor, and Olorius would willingly have born them Company, but he had promiſed the King of Sicily to help him during his Affairs. So likewiſe did Florelus, putting off his Marriage with the Dutcheſs of Savoy till his Return. And Gradaſilea had long deſired to know the Princeſs Onoloria for the love of Liſvart: and for this cauſe ſhe ſo importun'd him, that he promiſed to take her with him into Trebiſond; of [illegible] would willingly have excuſed himſelf if he could. And thus they entred into Alquife's Ship, who with her Enchantments, which ſhe had brought from the Iſle of Argenes, undertook to conduct them into Aſia. So after many thanks on all ſides and leave taken, they ſet ſail. And the King of Sicily did the ſame on the other ſide.

They were no ſooner departed, but the young Princeſſes arrived at London, to be bred up with the Queen: The one promiſed to King Galaor, named Galeriz, and the other to Dom Bruneo, named Alcimonea, both ſo far in perfection, and bare both ſo great Love to the Princeſs Lucelle, that they could not be one without the other. So that Queen Oriana found her ſelf [illegible], paſſing with them part of the melancholy ſhe was in, for not having [illegible] of the King. In expectation of whom ſhe determined to go to Miraflores and take them with her. But ſhe had not been long there, when the Meſſenger, ſent from Naples by Amadis, arrived, furniſhed with Letters and Tidings of Greece, which when he had declared to her, it cauſed her exceeding Joy, underſtanding the Agreement betwixt the Emperor Arquiſil and the King: for this cauſe ſhe ſent immediately for King Arban, and Angriote d' Eſtravaux, who being come to her, ſhe communicated to them the King's Meſſage, willing them to give order with all diligence for the raiſing an Army, to the end their ſpeedieſt Intention might be to the King. For which they uſed ſuch diligence ſo well, that in a few days there were found above Ten Thouſand good Knights, ready to embark. And there were given them for Leaders and Captains, Gaſtes Duke of Cornwal, Guilan Duke of Briſtow, Angriote d' Eſtravaux, and Amber of Gandal, his Son. But as for King Arban, he ſtayed behind, as being Viceroy (in the King's Abſence, and under the Queen's Authority) wiſely governed the Realm. Now all the others ſet to Sea, ſteering their Courſe for Naples. Of whom nevertheleſs we ſhall at preſent ſay no more, but return to the Knight of the Burning Sword and Gradamart.

CHAP.

CHAP. LIII.

How after the Knight of the Burning Sword was cured of the Wounds he had received in fighting against [illegible], he embarks with [illegible], and of a Wonderful Adventure, they met at Sea.

BAlan setting sail for the Isle of the Vermilion Tower, to his Father Galaoren, got the winds so little convenient, that he arrived not there till eight Days after the Knight of the burning Sword had taken his leave of them, [illegible] he had [illegible] to their [illegible]; [illegible] Balan was much troubled at his not finding them: So he determined to make but little stay there, but to go with them into Gaul to the King of Sicily, and help him in his affairs. The Knight of the burning Sword and [illegible], sailing in full seas, sometimes with fair Weather, and very often with Storms, there came upon the Knight of the burning Sword a Remembrance of the fair Lucella, which disquieted him Night and Day, so that he became wholly solitary, taking pleasure in nothing, but being alone and musing, saying sometimes to himself.

Ah! ah! poor Wretch, had it not been better, thou hadst remained for ever Enchanted, and pierced with the Sword, which [illegible] thrust into thy Stomach near the Chamber of Treasure? Alas! She wounded thee, but that Wound was not mortal, as this is, which I now suffer thro' Excess of Love! Ah! Lucella, how is it possible, that you being a simple Damsel, simple I say, not for the Rank you hold, but for the Generous Simplicity that is in you, have been able to reduce to such extream Submissiveness, such a Knight as him of the Burning Sword, who, having his Shield in his hand, never feared any Danger that offered it self before his eyes? And nevertheless your charming look has so intimidated him, that he is become your Slave and Prisoner, not being able to endeavour the doing, or desiring any thing, but what it pleases you to ask him, which is the Complement of his Unhappiness. Ah, ah, poor Wretch! knowing thy little merit, and her Highness, the greatest Benefit that can befall thee, is to dye speedily; for 'twere not reasonable that so great a Lady as she is, should abase her self to regard the Good or Evil, that is befalling to thee. And moreover, if she should endeavour to cure thee, [illegible] that her Reputation would be lessened; Thus instead of receiving Service by thee or from thee, she

would have Dominion. And since he [illegible] the old Servant, the good Servant ought rather to risk the Honour of his Lord, than his own Life, since in case of necessity he ought to sacrifice himself for him, whose he is, and to dye more than once, if it were possible.

[illegible] Gradamart [illegible] Gentlemen [illegible] Before

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

side. Having one Gale, the other Wind, were carried Different ways.

This put Gradamart's Companion in such a Fury, that he could scarce forbear Outrageing him, saying: In an ill hour, Sir Knight, have you broken my Design; but you shall repent it.

Gradamart, knowing the Rage he was in, answered him not a word, and in the mean time their Vessel still Sailed, getting so far from the other, as it being very dark, they knew not what became of it. By means whereof part of this Fury pass'd off by little and little, and they Sailed all night, so that by break of day they came to a certain Island, where they went a shore, to cure the Knight of the burning Sword, who was so wounded, that his Life was much doubted. And nevertheless, he had such a Spight against Gradamart, that he vouchsafed not so much as to speak to him, or look on him with a good eye, swearing and protesting, that as soon as he was well enough to bear Arms, he would not stay an hour till he had fought the Knight, who had so much offended him, that he would have his life. Wherefore, we will leave him, to tell you in the mean time, what the other did, and who he was.

CHAP. LIV.

Who the Knight was which had that fierce Combat with the Knight of the Burning Sword, and the Occasion why he Sailed in such an Equipage.

DOn Brian de Maniaste, King of Spain, had two Sons, of which the Eldest was named Olorius, a very Valiant Knight, of whom our Story has heretofore made mention. The second, called Birmartes, is he, of whom we now intend to speak, who was so accomplisht both in Beauty of Countenance, Perfection of Members, and all other things, requisit to render a Man excellent, that there could hardly be found any one, that exceeded him. This Birmartes was Six years younger than his Brother Olorius, when he was Enchanted; and afterwards his Age encreasing, there encreased in him also the desire to follow Arms. To which he was further moved, by the Report of the great Gifts, wherewith Nature had endow'd Lucella, Daughter to the King of Sicily, with whom he fell in Love through Opinion, only

mist, without having ever seen her: So that he resolved to go to Alpatracy's Court, and do him so much Service, that he should willingly give her to him for Wife. And in this Intention, finding one day a fit opportunity, he humbly besought his Father to give him the Order of Knighthood. Which he refused him not, but Armed him, and the Solemnity of it was very great through all Spain. But the same day, as they arose from Table, he put him-self on his knees before the King, and, with a very Good Grace, asked him a Gift. Don Brian, who loved him as himself, was Liberal in promising.

Sir, said he, you will permit me then to make a Journey into Sicily, to see the Infanta Lucella, who is at this day esteemed the most perfectly Fair and best behaved Lady in Europe: And if it is so, I will endeavour so to serve the King her Father, that he shall give her to me afterwards for Wife, if I ask her of him.

Don Brian, glad to see his Son in this Resolution, commended him, and was content, he should take such Knights of his Court as he would choose, with Money, and Equipage, necessary for so high an Enterprise. For which the Young Prince most humbly thanked him. And then having caused a great Frigat to be made ready, able to accompany him amongst other Knights, the Duke of Biscay's two Sons, of which the Eldest was named Esquinel, and the other Meander of Spain. And these were the two who separated him, at the persuasion of Gradamart, as he was fighting against the Knight of the burning Sword. They then being Embarkt in very good Order, Sailed along the Coast of Africk, and leaving Sardinia on the right hand, Arrived at Mellina, where they had News of the Rape, not long before committed by Frandalon Cyclops, and his Son, on the Queen of Sicily and Lucella. And for this cause Birmartes commended his Mariners to take their Course to Stanchy, throughly resolved to Fight them, whatever should come of it. But his Labour was in vain, because he found there no body but the Governour, whom Alpatracy had left, by whom he was acquainted with what was passed. Which wonderfully displeased him, and he cursed his Fortune for having deprived him of so fair an Occasion, by which he might have gained what he much doubted to lose. Then he returned again into his Ship, and taking leave of the Governor, went back towards Sicily, where he thought to find what he looked for.

And some days after, he met a Giant, that was carrying away several Christians Prisoners, with whom Birmartes had a fight, and finally conquiste him: The Duke of Biscays two Sons secured and set at his Liberty, all the Slaves, who were then in the Galeres with him, and giving them Liberty to go, whither they pleased. And thus continuing their way, to take

Harbor

Harbor in Sicily, the Sea grew so tempestuous, that they were, by Fortune, even against their wills, driven to the Kingdom of Apolonia, where they were alone. And to refresh themselves, being weary of the Sea, they design'd to spend some time in visiting the Country. And for this cause commanding their Mariners not to depart from the Port, all the Knights mounted their Horses, taking their Way strait to the great City of Apolonia. And, as they travell'd, they learnt, how Branzahar Duke of Clarence, guarded in a Tower Onoria, Princess of Apolonia, who was reputed to be one of the fairest Ladies on the Earth. And that you may understand the manner and Reason of this Guarding, you will know, that this Duke of Clarence was a very powerful Knight, but hard favoured, deform'd, ill behav'd, and better by treacherous a Gaulty Lineage. Now the great Beauty of Onoria had been so advantageously related to him, that his Heart was smitten with the Report: And to see her, he came to the King her Fathers Court, accompany'd by two Giants his Cousins: But the Ladies Presence so deprived him of his Liberty, that he thought, he should die, if he had her not for Wife. Wherefore with great Earnestness and Importunity he requested her of the King, who knowing him to be such an one, that his Daughter would neither consent to it, excus'd himself, by pretending, that she had no Inclination to marry. The Duke, much astonisht at this News, was ready then to dispair: Nevertheless for the last Remedy he said to the King, that since Fortune had been so unkind to him in denying him the thing, he most lov'd in this world, he would never have any Joy in his Heart: Yet in recompence of the Pains, he had taken to come to his Court, he desired him that he would be pleased to grant him a Gift. Which the King would not deny him, provided his Daughters Honour were not offended by it.

That certainly Sir, said he, it shall not be: For I would sooner consent to my own Ruin. But since she will spend her Life without an Husband, and that her Beauty puts the so who see her in an unparallel'd Torment, 'tis reasonable for the avoiding so much Mischief, that she be henceforth shut up in a Tower, where she shall be seen by none but you, the Queen, and those that shall be ordained to serve her. And I and these two Giants will keep the three first Entrances, so that none shall pass them, unless it be by force of Arms. And moreover he must, for her Service, accomplish the Conditions, which I shall cause to be written, and hung upon certain stones, that shall be erected in this Tower: by which, said he, shall be known the greatness of your Daughters Beauty, and how much I suffer, and will suffer for her sake.

Then was the King displeased at his having so lightly promised, what he could not with his Honour revoke, and would gladly have found an Excuse,

that might have contented the Prince of Clarence, but the stone being thrown, and out of his hand, could not be recalled: wherefore he resolved to bow down his head, and permit his Daughter to be shut up, as he had been desired. And so to this Brazzahar sent for Mason-men from all parts, who in a few days built in the Tower a Square Chamber, to serve as a Prison for the Princess: I may call it a Prison, because it was destinated in the midst of a great Hall, and inclosed round about with great Bars of Gold, through which, and no otherwise, might be given her such things as she should have need of. True it is, that, for the little Room that this Square contained, 'twas not possible to see any thing Glorious, Magnificent: For, the Ceiling and Floor were cover'd with great Plates of Gold and Silver, curiously Damasqui, and the Walls were adorned with Hangings of Gold and Silk. Divinely wrought for the excellence of the Manufacture. In the midst there was a Bed, of which the Curtains, Coverings, and Bases, were of Crimson Satin, Embroidered, and set with Pearls, Rubies, Diamonds, and Emeralds: And before it hung all sorts of Musical Instruments, on which Orianna could play. This Prison then being finished as you have understand, Brazzahar appointed to be set before it a pillar of Alabaster, and on the top of it the Effigies of the Princess cut to the Life, with a writing round about, but made in the form of a Round Cap, which contained these words: *Oriana*, Lady of beauty.

This done, he took the Infanta, and shut her up under a strong padlock, of which himself kept the key, and leaving her Damsels without, he said: Here shall you be inclosed, to Recompence the Cruel Prison of Love, in which you keep me Captive, and shall not come forth till such time as he comes, who, easing me of this pain, shall himself receive a greater, in seeing your over great and dangerous Beauty.

Then he fastned a Writing to the pillar, the contents of which were these: Thou Knight, who by thy Prowess art come to this place, where thou mayst see the Fairest Princess of the world, be not so hardy as to take her forth, before thou hast carryed this Image, which represents her Person, through the whole Earth, and maintained by Force of Arms, that she, for whom it was made, is the first in great Beauty. And if thy Fortune is so prosperous that Victory always accompanyes thee, yet art thou bound to bring hither the Images of the Ladies, Mistresses of the Knights, vanquisht by thee, with their Names written underneath. Then, and no sooner, shalt thou be permitted to take the Fair One out of Prison. But in case thou shalt find a better than thy self, by whom thou shalt be conquered, if thou shalt bring the Permission of such thy Conqueror, signed and sealed, with his Mistresses Name and Seal, then may she go forth in Liberty at her Pleasure:

sure: For such is the Covenant between the King of this Country and me.

Having fastned this Writing, he caus'd another Pillar to be set up before the first and principal Gate of the Tower, with a Roll containing what follows. Let none henceforward adventure to pass any further, unless it be by force of Arms; Because the Countenance of Onoria, Lady of Beauty, shall no more be manifested, till he shall come, who shall wholly deliver her. For Branzahar, Prince of Clarence, will defend this Passage even to Death.

And presently he appointed one of his Giants for the Guard of this gate, and another for the second, and himself for the third: And they three, Armed with very rich Armor, undertook to fight all Comers. At which the King exceedingly wondred, that such and so great a Lord as Branzahar, would put himself in such subjection, and danger of his Person. Now he was a good Knight, and they whom he had chosen, strong and hardy, which made the speedy Deliverance of Oriana little expected: But the King and Queen mightiest her when they thought good, and this little she took as a great comfort in her Fortune. Of which Birmartes advertis'd, immediately thought, according to the Renown of Branzahar, that he, for whom he undertook so great a Charge, must needs be very fair: Whereupon he asks some of the Country, whether this Adventure had not yet been try'd by any one. He was answer'd, that above an Hundred Knights, as well of the Court, as Strangers, had done their Endeavours, but they had all been vanquisht by the Giant of the first Gate: So that 'twas now six Months since any one had dar'd to present himself before him. Now the more that was said of it to Birmartes the more was his Desire of going to see this Fair One increase: so that he resolved, what ever might happen, to try his Fortune for the setting her at Liberty. But he knew not what was contain'd in the writing, fastned to the Pillar of the Image, as you have been told: For it was indeed unknown to all. By occasion of which many good Knights put their Lives in hazard, hoping to gain Honour, and the love of Oriana. Sir Birmartes, and his two Companions Esquinel and Alexander, travell'd till they came to the City of Apolonia, where he desired they would shew him Onoria's Tower. Which a Knight of the Country willingly did.

Then a great Number following him, some ran to acquaint the King, that a Stranger would fight the Giant of the first Gate. And believe it, Sir, saith they, 'twould be impossible to find a more Fair, Young, and Dexterous Knight than he is.

The King, very glad of this News, hastenly took Horse, and went to Sir Birmartes, who had just made an end of reading the writing on the first Pillar. Then they saluted one another, and the King, having himself, said to

to him: Good Knight, if Fortune will so favour you, that you can pull down the Pride of the Duke, and deliver my Daughter, assure your self, I will greatly recompence you.

Birmartes, seeing the good Reception the King gave him, thus answered him: Sir, he, in whose hands all things are, knows the desire I have to serve you, and such as you: especially in such Acts, in which, besides the Honor that may be gain'd, consists the liberty of such a Princess as my Lady your Daughter: Not that I will presume to promise my self the putting an end to these, to which so many good Knights could not attain: but at least I will do my Endeavour, being assured, that, so doing, Death or Life can not but be honourable to me, imitating the Gallant Men, who have tryed it before me, and in comparison of whom I am nothing.

Then he prepared himself to begin the Fight, whilst the first Giant stood ready to receive him. They then set spurs to run one against the other, neither of them mising his Blow: For the Giant struck him with such force on the Shield, that he pierc'd it, and his Spear, passing under his Arm, appeared about a yard on the other side. But Birmartes, who ran in a more stooping lying, aiming lower, struck him between the Shoulder-bone and the Stomach, so that the plates of the Giant's Armour, not being strong enough to resist the Fierceness of the blow, the Lance entered into his Guts, and he fell down to the Ground, without stirring either foot or hand. At which all the Spectators were very glad, doubting nevertheless, that Birmartes mortally wounded. But this Opinion lasted not long: for he, withdrawing his Lance, made a wound in the second Giant, where he found the other Giant, exceedingly troubled for his Cousin death, to revenge whom, he couch'd his Spear, and striking spurs to his Horse, with his blow. But so did not Birmartes, who met him so roughly, that his Lance flew into shivers, and with the shock, their Horses gave each other, they both fell, and their Masters under them. Nevertheless Birmartes got sudden up again on his feet, and taking his Sword in his hand, perceived the other, who lamented exceedingly for the excessive pain he felt, having his left Leg broke in eight or ten places, and his Horse so lying on him, that he was not able to stir.

Whereupon Birmartes coming to him, said: Giant, thou art dead, if thou dost not yield thy self vanquish'd, and [illegible] without any further hindrance, the Entrance of this Castle [illegible] shall think good.

Ah, answered he, that you may well do, and [illegible] my self wholly to your Discretion.

Then Birmartes pass'd on, and perceiv'd Branzahar, mounted on a great black Squire, who came to meet him. Now he was pard-coloured, and ill-shapt,

Pope, and had neverthelesse in punctual manner made Embracing and Courtesies, as he then thought, having to Birmartes:

Knight, thou hast already gain'd so much Honour, that the Glory of it will remain with thee for ever; and tho' it has been against my Will, and my Heart cannot be contented with the Loss of my Friends, whom I so much love'd, and whom thou hast slain, but I am called to revenge them: Nevertheless considering, that this Misfortune is pain'd them through thy only Prowess, as thou wast doing what thou ought to do for the obtaining Renown amongst valiant men, I cannot forbear using to thee the Courtesy, that Reason commands me, seeing thee weary, without Spear and Without Horse; so that if I should have the better of thee, equipp'd and mounted as I am, such a Victory would rather turn to my Disgrace than Glory: wherefore I choose rather to alight, and being equal in Arms, to let Fortune play her part, stretching forth her hand, to which of us two she pleases.

Saying this, he set foot to ground, and unbracing his great and strong Shield, with his naked Sword in his hand, march'd towards Birmartes, who having heard him speak so graciously, answer'd him in this manner: My Lord Prince, your Courtesy has more amaz'd me, than the greatness of your Body, and the strength and largeness of your Limbs; for the Magnanimity of Hearts consists not in the Mass of Flesh, but in Generosity and Vertue of the Person, who loves Honour, and desires to perpetuate his Memory, not by boasting and Arrogance, but by doing his Duty with few and gentle Words, and Vigorous Execution: so that having already found in you one of these two points, which is Courtesy, I make no doubt but the second is not far from it; seeing men are seldom, or never asunder, no more than Fire is from Heat, and Heat from Fire. Wherefore, if it were honourable and reasonable for me, I should rather and more willingly make Friendship with you, than pass any farther to the tryal of our persons one against the other. But there being no Remedy, neither you nor I can refuse the course that is offered: Forasmuch as it would be an injury to you to leave the Enterprise you have begun, and I should be greatly blam'd not to pursue the Fortune, which has given me such a beginning, as every one may have seen. Let the Victory therefore be to him, on whomsoever shall please Fortune to bestow it.

At this word they would no longer spend the time in Discourses, but charg'd each other with such fierceness, that all the Beholders stood amaz'd. One great Advantage Birmartes had over the other: He was so nimble, dextrous, and active, that of ten blows, which Branzahar struck, not one

[illegible] his Enemy, he will [illegible] himself, [illegible] that [illegible] to [illegible] his Adversary, [illegible] that his Legs were [illegible] to bear the weight of his Body: Insomuch that Birmartes began to reel, him so roughly, as made him [illegible] the Issue of the Fight, and with good reason, for the loss of his Blood, that streamed forth from the many Wounds he had received, and which he [illegible] and [illegible] so [illegible] several great Blows, given on both Sides, he fell [illegible] in a Swoon. [illegible] Birmartes, setting his foot on his Stomach, [illegible] the [illegible] from his Head.

But as soon as [illegible] his Spirits returned, and Birmartes said: As thou shall [illegible] days be ended, and the Love thou hast born the fair [illegible] unless thou granted me the Entrance into her Chamber at my pleasure. And to the end I may be as gracious to thee in effect, as thou hast been to me in words, granting me what I ask thee, I will give thee thy life, without taking to my self the Honour of the Victory, which indeed I could not have over so good a Knight as thou art.

Branzahar, [illegible] in this Extremity, had his heart much appetite [illegible] but not [illegible] to remedy it, he thus answered Birmartes: I know well know, that 'tis a great Folly to attempt the breaking and forcing what Fortune has ordained, who has hitherto been so contrary to me, that by making me love her, who is fairer than beauty it self, I am reduced to the shame, in which every one may see me: therefore, Knight, do with me what thou pleasest, since 'tis in thy power, if thou thinkst good, to give me my death, which considering the Misfortune of my life, I desire more than thou imaginest. Go then at thy ease to see her, whose look alone has such Power, that the force, thou hast had against me and mine, will not perhaps be able to preserve thee from dying at the sight of her. Then mayst thou know, how much greater a benefit thou wilt do me in taking away of my life by a sudden death, than in leaving me to dye so many times a day, as I shall if I live any longer.

When Birmartes heard him speak thus, he had so great Compassion of him, that he humbly besought the King [illegible] him to be look after by his Chirurgeons. But Branzahar refusing it, commanded his Servants to [illegible] a Litter for him, and the other wounded Giant: and without any further Ceremony took his way to Clarence, where he liv'd afterwards the most melancholy life in the world, having always before the eyes of his mind Onoriaa Beauty, and the Shame he had received by loving her too much.

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CHAP. LV.

How Birmartes went to see the Fair Onoria in her Prison: and the Discourse they had together.

BRanzahar, Prince of Clarence, being carry'd out of the Field, and Birmartes remaining gloriously Victorious, the King came to embrace him, saying to him: Ah! fortunate Knight, and more courageous than can be express'd, let us go, if you please, to my Daughter, whom I hope, thro' your Prowess, shortly to see at liberty, and my self quit of the promise I made the Prince, who kept her so closely imprison'd to my great Regret.

Let us go, Sir, answered Birmartes.

Then, accompany'd by many gallant Knights, they went into the Hall, where Onorias Prison was, as you have heard. Now the Heat of the day was so extreme, that Birmartes took off his Helmet, and delivered it to one

of his Attendants, having an unusual colour in his face, when the King presented him to his fair Daughter: who, having already understood by her Damsels the Issue of his fight with Branzahar, whom she mortally hated, was the Joyfullest Woman in the world. And this pleasure render'd her Countenance so gay, that join'd with the Excellence of her Beauty, it made her come very near Lucellas Perfection, this her Cheerfulness having given her a Grace more Divine than Humane.

Then the King said to his Daughter: Child, look on this Knight, who has for your sake done this day incredible Feats of Arms, and will, I believe, soon give you the opportunity of going forth from this Place: wherefore 'tis my Opinion, and Request that you treat him with Respect.

In good Faith, Sir, answered she, I should be very ungrateful, should I fail to do it, seeing the Obligation I have to him, who has already done so much for me.

Saying this, she stretch'd forth her Arm thro' the Grate, to lift him up: for he was on his Knees, as surprizd with her Love, and that with such vehemence that, forgetting the Affection he had to that time born to her, for whom he had Travers'd so many Seas, the word Branzahar had said to him, was found true in him, which he remembred very well: and therefore took her gently by the hand, and kissing it, said: Madam, the Prince did as he ought, in keeping you from being seen, since your gracious look is capable to kill men without Remedy.

Onoria blush'd a little at this praise, but not for any Displeasure, she had at it: for Birmartes seem'd to her so accomplisht a Knight, that she was exceedingly taken with him. And as she was going to answer him, the King interrupted their Discourse, and shewing Birmartes the Image and Writing fastned to the Pillar, said to him: My dear Friend, you have already done so much, that you may be stiled the best Knight in the world; yet there is more to be done, if you will finish this Adventure. See here the condition establisht by the Prince of Clarence, which I believe will give you more trouble, than the combat of the three Giants.

Then Birmartes drew near and read the Writing, at which he was no way amaz'd, but thought that if he could perform it, besides the Honour he should get by it, he might also gain the Heart and Love of the fair one: Wherefore he answered the King: Sir, I know not why you think this Enterprise so difficult, since no Knight, how little Valiant soever, need fear going, thro' the World to maintain my Lady your Daughters beauty: for she is such, that if the Victory in Fight follows Reason, 'tis certain he cannot be vanquisht, but shall be Victorious in all places. And to shew you that this is true, I accept from this time this office, trusting, that where Prowess shall

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be wanting, Reason and Justice shall supply it.

In good faith, said the King, I am more secure of your Courage, than of my Daughters Beauty: And affectionatly thank you for the Honour and Good you desire me. But let us go to my Palace, where you shall be well lookt to: for I am sure you are Wounded in several places.

Nevertheless Birmartes would first take leave of Onoria, who had heard all he said of her, & the Promise he made to defend her Beauty throughout the World. Which caus'd in her such a Regard for him, that beholding him with her gracious Eye, she humbly entreated him, that he would, after he was Cur'd, come again to her before his Departure. This request he willingly granted, and bowing very low, went his way, leaving her no less desirous of him, than he was ready to serve her all his life. For Love at that instant seiz'd of their Hearts, mutually transferring them by his Divine Power into each others body, without their having any Perception, or Sentiment of it, but by the heat of the lasting fire, which he then kindled in them. Thus Birmartes followed the King, who, as they went along, askt him his Name and Quality, but he besought him to excuse him for the present, telling him that he should at another time understand it all: Wherefore the King, seeing him desirous to conceal himself, would no farther importune him. Discourling then of other matters, they came to the Palace, where Birmartes was very kindly welcomed by the Queen and the Ladies, who conducted him into a richly furnisht Chamber, and to do him the greater Honour, disarm'd him with their own Hands, and put him to Bed. Then came Chyrurgions to visit his wounds, of which they promis'd him a speedy Cure, desiring every one to retire and let him sleep. But when he was alone, he began instead of resting to meditate on the Beauty of his new Mistress, no longer complaining of Lucella, who had been the cause of his coming into these Parts, where he had seen what gave him so much Torment, Onoria, for whom he was tormented suffering no less. But Birmartes, not able to keep this fire any long time smothering within his breast, discover'd some few days after his thoughts to his two Companions, Esquinel and Meander, who comforted him in the best manner they could, giving him hopes, that he being return'd, and having knight what he promised, the King of Appollonia would think himself happy to give him his Daughter to Wife.

CHAP. LVI.

How Birmartes, being cur'd, departed from the King of Appollonia, and Onoria, to begin his Enterprise, and the success of it.

THE Desire Birmartes had to accomplish his Promise, made to maintain Onorias Beauty in all places, very much forwarded the Cure of his wounds, which being perfected, he caus'd his Ships to be put in such Equipage, as the Knight of the burning sword found them in, when they fought.

Then the day of his Embarking being come, he address'd himself to the King, and said to him: Sir, forasmuch as I resolve to set forth presently to Sea, I humbly desire of you, that I may see my Lady your Daughter before my Departure, to the end she may in your presence, and with your leave grant me a gift, that I will ask of her.

Well then, answered the King, let us go thither.

So the King brought him to the Tower, whither being come, after Salutations on both sides, Birmartes set knee to the ground, and addressing himself to Onoria, said to her: Madam, I am, according to your command, come to take leave of you, for to accomplish what I have willingly oblig'd my self to, hoping (with Just Reason) not to fall into any danger, that can hurt me, being accompany'd by your good wishes, with which I beseech you to favour me, as also with the Honour of stiling my self henceforth your Knight in all Places.

Onoria, very glad to see that presented to her, which she with all her heart desir'd, made him this Answer: In good deed I find my self very happy, that such a Knight, as you are, vouchsafes to name himself mine, and I should be too indiscreetly nice should I refuse this Offer, which I accept, and request it of you, as much as possibly I can, trusting so far in your Valour, that my Beauty (which is little in respect of so many other excellent Ladies) will gain repute thro' the world, your Courage supplying in it, what Nature has omitted: But one thing more I will desire of you, which is, that you tell me your Name, to the end I may henceforth better know him, who is mine.

Madam, answer'd he, I will never disobey you, be pleased then to understand, that I am nam'd Firmartes the Amorous, and that with good Reason: For only Love, and she, whose I am, have Power over me.

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This surname did Birmartes give himself, which he never afterwards lost. Onoria very well understood the End, at which he aim'd, as did also the King, who did not at all dislike it, but immediatly resolv'd, that at his return, if he were found worthy of her, he would give him his Daughter in Marriage, who (had it not been for the Kings Presence) would not have stuck in so fair a way, having matter enough for a longer Entertainment with her Friend: But she durst not say any more, nor he neither, who had her Adieu, leaving her in strange Pain, tho' the Fire kindled in her heart by Love, who before Birmartes's Arrival had not the least Power over her. But he then shew'd himself victorious, so that to manifest the Beginning of his Trophy, he fill'd her Eyes with Tears, and her heart with Sighs and Sorrows. Thus it is, that this Beautiful Boy treats those, that obey him, who are very often reduc'd to such Blindness, that nothing pleases them, but what is most hurtful for them. Birmartes then, being gone forth from the Presence, came to the Piller, and took her Image, saying so loud, that every one might hear him. Certainly, Portraiture, 'tis my Intention to bring you back to this Place, so well accompany'd, that every one shall know your Glory.

Then he went out of the Hall, and with the Kings good Leave, having arm'd himself, went aboard his Ship, and placing the Effigies, he brought with him upon a rich Pillar, he set sail strait for Constantinople, where he went ashore, and there in the Presence of the Princes and Lords related the Occasion of his Voyage. Wherefore a Son of the King of Hungaries, loving above all others Luciana the Emperors Daughter, undertook to maintain, that his Mistress was fairer than Onoria: Whereupon they came to a Fight, in which Birmartes was Victorious; and carry'd the Portraiture of Luciana into his Vessel, where he fastned it to the Pillar with a little Chain underneath the other. After this he had several Combats with many other good Knights: But he car'd not for having the Effigies of those, they lov'd, not thinking them worthy to accompany his Portraiture, unless they were the Daughters of Emperors or Kings: For to that, and no more, he was oblig'd.

After this he made no long stay in Constantinople, but taking leave of the Emperor and the Knights of his Court, went to Macedonia, where he won the Image of the Infanta Alegria, the Kings Daughter, gaining the Victory over a Duke, who was greatly in love with her, as also over many others, which would be tedious to name.

Thence he took his way to Bohemia, where he entred the field against another Duke, from whom he gain'd the Statue of Imperia, Daughter to King Grasandor, and Queen Mabita, who was a beautiful and gallant

Princess; but yet she remain'd there for a Pledge, accompany'd with many other Ladies and Gentlewomen: Whence his Fame spred so far, that he was from that time in all those parts nam'd the Knight no'd to overcome.

Then seeing, that there was none left in Bohemia to oppose him, he took a Resolution of going to Naples, having been advertiz'd that the King had a Daughter nam'd Julaliana, a Lady of extraordinary Beauty. And indeed he was falling thither, when he met, the Knight of the burning Sword. So they fought, and were at last parted, as you have heard, at which he was so displeas'd, that he said at every turn, he never should have any Satisfaction, till he found him again. Wherefore we shall say no more of him till a fitter Opportunity: For you well know, that this History is not so much for him, as for the Knight of the burning Sword, whose Prowess and valor we intend chiefly here to describe.

CHAP. LVII.

How the Knight of the Burning Sword Stole away from Gradamart, to go and seek Birmartes, and what befel him.

YOU have heard, how much displeas'd the Knight of the burning Sword was for having been parted from *Birmartes* by Gradamart, with whom he shew'd himself so offended, that during the stay, he made for the Cure of his wounds, he would not so much as speak to him, or have any Discourse with him. Nevertheless the other ceas'd not to perform the Office of a true Friend, in treating him in the best manner, he could, being however very much troubled at the ill Countenance, he shewed him.

Now it happed one night that the Knight of the burning Sword being almost recovered, and Musing on the sight, he had with Birmartes, grew so discontented, that he quite lost his Rest: And turning first on the one side, then on the other, he said within himself: What dost thou, poor Wretch, so long in thy bed, dishonor'd as thou art? Who hinders thee from going to take Revenge of him, that loves her, whom none merits to serve? I know not, why thou wert ever born into the world: nor what Reason mov'd thee to take Arms, making such ill use of them, that thou hast been fain to endure in thy Presence a Stranger bragging, and singing the Love of

of thy Mistress, and (which is worse) to depart from thee with so much Glory. Ah! Madam, perhaps you also love him, who thus (to my great Regret) publishes the Perfection of your Praises! How unfortunate to me was the Day, I first saw you so beautiful, that being near you I dy, and absent from you, I cannot live! For GOD's sake let me understand, if you have left me, to love this other, that obeying your VVill, I may find him where ever he is, not to do him any hurt, but to serve him all my Life, if it is pleasing to you. And nevertheless it cannot sink into my mind, that you have in so short a time forgotten your Loyal Slave; since my heart (where ever you have been) has always spoken to you plainly, and without Dissimulation: VVhich makes me believe, that you are not angry with me. VVherefore I will stay no longer in this place, but will go and avenge you of him, who has rashly (without your Command) presumed to serve and love you, which he shall pay dear for, if I find him, or it shall cost me my Life.

Having said this, his Fury in such manner encreas'd, that he rose hastily out of the Bed, and seeing, that Gradamart was asleep, he put on his Armor, and having himself bridled and sadled one of the Horses, which Galeotes had given him, he rode towards the Shore, where his Marriners were waiting, who all wondered to see him at such an hour. Then entring into his Vessel, he commanded them to weigh Anchor, and follow Fortune, which could not (he said) be so contrary to him, but that 'twould guide him to the Place, where he should meet the Knight, that had parted so well from him. Then those of the Ship asht him, whether he would please to stay for Gradamart.

No, answered he: He shall no more hinder me from executing my Will, so to disgrace me, as he has done.

This Command they durst not any further dispute, but letting loose their Vessel, without either Rudder, or Oar, went away with the Current of the Stream, being driven along by the Wind and Waves, six days together, at the End whereof they met a Ship, on the Deck of which sat a very ancient Man, whom the Knight of the burning Sword saluted, saying to him: Honorable Father, GOD preserve you: I desire you of Courtesy to tell me, if you have seen, met, or know any News of a Knight, that sails along this Sea in an unusual manner: for I must find him dead or living.

Then he gave him the best Description, he could, of Bismarten: whereto Old-man having heard, made him this Answer: Your finding of him, Sir Knight, will perhaps be much more to your Dammage than Profit, he being such an one, that there are few better, or indeed so good to be found

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in the world. Nevertheless, since you so affectionately request it, I will tell you what I know. He has taken his Course towards Naples, in the way to which I met him: and that is all you can at this time learn of him.

GOD give you a good Voyage, said the Knight of the burning Sword: You have greatly satisfied me.

Then commanding his Steersman to make strait for Naples, they soon lost sight of each other.

In the mean time Gradamart, who had fetcht a long sleep, awoke, and finding neither his Companion, nor his Arms, was exceedingly discontented. Then he went strait to the Shore, thinking to meet the Vessel, in which they came: but there was not the least Sign of it. Wherefore he began to curse and ban his Fortune, which was so contrary to him, that having on so Good an Occasion preserv'd two of the Best Knights in the World from Death, he should Receive for it so much Displeasure.

And in this discontent he cry'd out: Ah, ah! Knight of the Burning Sword! how ill do You know the great Amity your Friend Gradamart bears You! You had surely little reason thus to forsake me. Little Reason did I say? No, no, You had great Reason, since I bear such Affection to him, who so little esteems me, having so strangely absented himself from me. But, let what may befal me, I will never cease Travelling, till I have found you, that I may complain of you to your self.

As he was thus venting his Discontents, he perceived on the Shore a Fisher-Boat, into which having put some Provisions, he entred, and having unfastned it from a Post, to which it was ty'd, abandon'd it to the Waves, that in a little time carry'd him out of sight of the Land, so discontented, that he every moment wisht his own Death, when he met the same Old man that had spoken to the Knight of the Burning Sword, whom he askt, whether he could tell him any News of a Knight, great of Stature, and Armed in white Harness, who Sailed in a Boat, accompany'd only by two Marriners.

In truth, answer'd the Old Man, you enquire after him, in finding whom you shall have greater Joy than you imagin: and you your self shall be more sought after by him, than he is by you: and more I will not tell you at this time.

Gradamart greatly wondred at this Discourse, and would have desir'd him to tell him what he meant: but the Old Man had scarce finisht his speech, when a brisk Gale of Wind carry'd away the Vessel he was in, so that Gradamart could no more get near him. Wherefore he resolved to follow his Adventure,

Adventure, and not to leave seeking his Compa[illegible] [illegible] have been told, strait towards Naples, [illegible] Name, commanding his Mariners to call him [illegible] Knight without Fortune.

Now it happened that the second day after he had [illegible] the Sea grew so Tempestuous, that he was [illegible] Civita Vecchia near Rome, where he went a Shore, bidding his [illegible] stay for him near Naples, whither himself would [illegible] he mounted his Steed, and took the great road [illegible] a Damsel coming, accompany'd by one only [illegible] wrapt up in red Camblet.

The Knight of the Burning Sword courteously saluted them; but [illegible] returned his salutation, the Damsel saying to him: Perhaps, Sir Knight, you are one of those who have slain the Emperor of the Greeks.

Why do you say this to me? answer'd the Knight.

Because, reply'd she, that, if you are of that Fashion, I advise you to take another way, than this of Rome; for the Marquis of Mantua incamp'd into it, with a good Number of Soldiers, and keeps from the Emperor's Kindred, and her Grand daughter, to whom the Empire comes by right of succession. And whatever Knight, or other Person he finds, that is a good part of the Duke, he certainly puts them to death.

I pray you, Damsel, said the Knight of the Burning Sword, to give me an Account of this Emperor's Death: For I never heard of it, but from you.

Then she began to relate to him the Duke's Treason, and all the [illegible] And, said she, the Marquis has, within these [illegible] King Amadis is arriv'd at Naples to revenge the Death of [illegible] his Son-in-law; at which several of this Country are very joyful, and expect great Forces from all parts, as is reported.

As the Gods may help me, Damsel, answer'd the Knight of the burning Sword, I am very glad that I am arriv'd in time to do service to the King you speak of: for I greatly love and esteem him.

Ah! said she: You have Reason, and as far as I see, my way is shorten'd, because I was charg'd to address my self to the first Knight, I should meet on this way, making me such Discourses as you do, and present him what is in this Pacquet. And nevertheless I will cause it to be carried for you to the City of Naples, whither I will accompany you, as I am charg'd: and there I will tell you who it is that sends it to you, and other things, for which you will not be sorry. In the mean time consider if you please to command me in any thing, for I will obey you in all.

In good Faith, Damsel, answer'd the Knight of the Burning Sword, you make me wonder at your Words. As for me, I have nothing to do at Rome, and I think it best, that we should go straight to King Amadis; for it seems already long to me, till I see the Present display'd, and know, who does me this Favour.

Let us go, said the, I pray you.

Then they rid them on together; but they had not been two days in Company, when they entred into a long Forest, where they met 8 the Knights complainty Struck, who, addressing themselves to him of the Burning Sword, cry'd to him: Stay, Knight, stay: You must tell us, whom you will Assist, whether the Emperor of Rome, or his Adversary.

I will help, answer'd he, those, in whom Treason has no Part, and will be against the Duke, who has so basely Murther'd his Lord.

This, reply'd they, is the Way, you should take to a speedy Death.

Having said this, they all couch'd their Lances, and ran upon him with such Violence, that they wanted but little of throwing him out of his Saddle; yet he kept firm, and gave one of them such a Blow, that he never spake more. Then he drew his Spear out of the Dead Man's Body, and Charging the four others, Kill'd the Second on the Field, his Staff breaking to Splinters. Then he suddenly put hand to his Sword, and there began between them a wonderful Fight, which yet soon came to an End; for the Three that remain'd, could not bear the Fury of him, who, in such manner Assaulted them, that the Third had his Head Cleft asunder; which the Two last seeing, turn'd their Backs, and Fled away full Speed. But the Knight of the Burning Sword let them go, and without pursuing them any farther, follow'd his way with the Damsel, who, much wonder'd at his great Prowess, and high Chivalry. Now these Rascals were Allies of the Duke, who, lying in Ambush in the Forest, watch'd such Knights as were ill Accompany'd, and fell upon them, when they understood them to be of the Defeat'd Emperor's Party; so that many Worthy Men had already, in this manner lost their Lives, when they met with the Knight of the Burning Sword, who, Chastis'd them, as you have heard. And for this cause, we will leave him to Travel with the Damsel, and change our Discourse.

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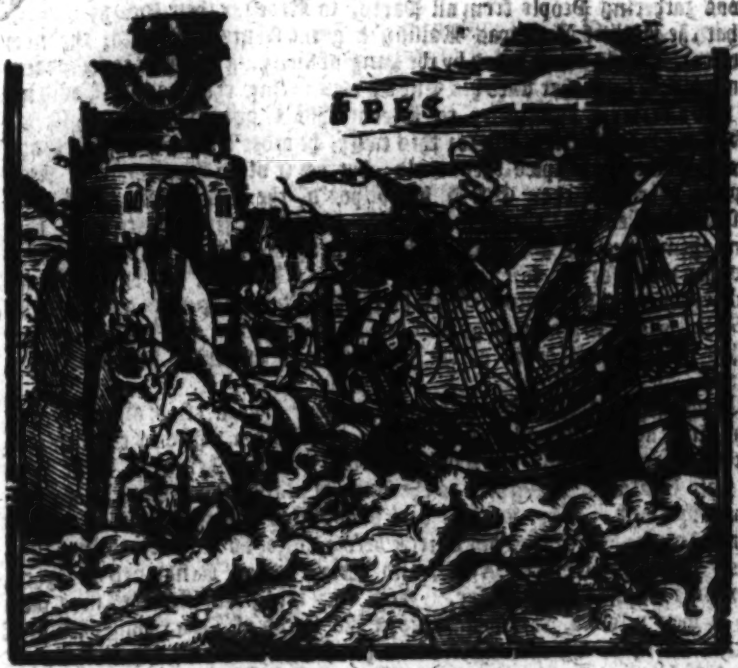
CHAP. LVIII.

How the King of Sicily, and his Fleet, had News of the Emperor Arquilis, and his Sons Death, and of their Arrival at Naples.



OUR History has before acquainted you, how the King of Sicily, Olorius, and Don Florelus, Embarkt in Great Britain with a great Number of other Knights, and set Sail for France. Now they had not Sail'd Eight whole Days, when they met some Vessels Commanded by the Count of Armignac, a Kinsman to the King of Metz, for whose sake they were Cruising along the Coasts to hinder the Sicilians, or any other of their Party from taking Port in Sicily. Now the Count immediatly knew

by the Banners and Colours, that the King of Sicily was in the Fleet; wherefore he commanded his People to assault it on all sides, hoping to take him Prisoner. Then the two Fleets joyn'd, and with Hooks and Grapling Irons, coupled their Vessels, so that the Fight was Fierce and Bloody; but at length the Armignacians had the worst, being all either Slain, or Captiv'd; and the others remain'd Victorious, by means whereof they understood from the Prisoners, how the Emperor Arquisil, and his Son Dinerpius were Slain, and that King Amadis was Arriv'd at Naples, where he was gathering People from all Parts, to Revenge their Deaths; as also that the Prince of Mauritania was Raising a great Army to Assist the new Emperor. This being heard by the King of Sicily, a thought came suddenly into his Mind, that since his Enemy was taking that way, he should never find a better Opportunity to Recover his Kingdom, than whilst his Adversary was absent; and for this cause, he order'd his Pilots and Mariners to make all the speed they could; but as it often happens, that Men propose otherwise than GOD has dispos'd, the Night following there arose such a Tempest, that being carry'd along by the Violence of it, they found themselves the Fifth Day after in the Spanish Sea, and were, whether they would or no, forc'd to pass Hercules's Pillars, and enter into the Mediterranean. Wherefore they wholly chang'd their Design, and the King of Sicily was of Opinion to go and find King Amadis, that they might together Fight the Usurper of the Empire, and his Ally, since they were joyn'd.

Thus they took their way to Naples, where they arriv'd almost at the same time as did Don Florestan, King of Sardinia, who was come thither with a great Fleet, and the Duke of Calabria, who, being in Love with the Fair Jufaliana, Daughter to the King of Naples, had brought a great Army by Land. They were all very honourably Receiv'd, principally by King Amadis, who, was but a little before, also, by Adariel, Prince Elinius, Snycius of Ireland, Abies, and several other Renowned Knights, who were all come to this War. Now they being all Assembled in Council, it was resolv'd, they should expect the Army of Don Brian, King of Spain, and that, which King Amadis had sent for out of Great Britain; and that in the mean time, word should be sent to the Princes of the Empire, who were of that Party, to keep themselves in a Readiness to move, when Notice should be given them. Thus they all staying in the great City of Naples, visited every Day the Queen and the Ladies, the King keeping so Noble and Magnificent a Court, that they all wondred at it.

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CHAP. LIX.

How Birmartes arriv'd at the Court of Naples, where he defy'd all the Knights who were there, concerning their Mistresses Beauties, and the Wonders he did.

These Kings and great Lords being one Day sat at Dinner, there entred into the Hall, a Tall and Comely Knight, compleatly Arm'd in a Rich White Armor. In his Hands he bore the Effigies of a Lady, at whose side were certain little Chains of Gold, to which were fastned three Images, that were supported by two Knights. He, who Marcht first, was Birmartes the Amorous, of whom our History has formerly spoken at large, who (without doing any Act of Reverence) asht a loud, if the King of Naples was there, and was answer'd, that he was, and was shewn him.

Then did he address himself first to the King, and afterwards to all the other Knights, saying, Most Mighty Kings and Lords, think it not strange, that presenting my self before you, I have not shewn that Submission, which your Excellencies deserve; the Reason of which is, that I bear in my Arms this Image, which is the Representation of a Princess, whose Greatness is such, that She ows no Respect to any King or Emperor, how powerful soever. And this I say farther, that my Arrival in this Court is only to maintain against all Knights, that Enoria, Lady of Beauty, Infanta of Apolonia, is Fairer than any other Lady or Damsel in the World. And this I intend to prove by Arms against any one, that will contradict it, on such Condition, that, if the Opponent is Servant or Friend to the Daughter of any King or Emperor, for whose Love he enters into Fight against me, he shall be Bound to bring her Image Crown'd, and her Name Writ underneath, which he shall lose, and I will joyn with these others, in case the Victory is mine; but if the Knight has a Mistress of Meaner Rank, he shall be excus'd from bringing her Image or Portraiture. Now then, Sir, said he to the King of Naples, since this Adventure is arriv'd in your Court, before it is in any other of these Princes, I beseech you to cause the occasion of my Coming, being such, as I have at present declar'd to you, to be Publisht by Sound of Trumpet, to the end every Knight, who will Combat me, may know, that I will expect him in this

Meadow in a Tent, which I will cause to be set up, and will Fight him with such Arms, as he will Choose.

Having said this, he went out of the Hall, and return'd the way he came, leaving all these Lords Amaz'd at his Presumption, so that several design'd to abate it, especially the Duke of Calabria, and Clorius of Spain, who so fervently Lov'd Luciana, Daughter to Esplandian, that he could not rest for her. Then came Birmartes into the Meadow, and caus'd two Rich Pavilions to be set up on the Sea shore, in which he Lodg'd. But he had Leisure enough to rest there, for none Presented himself that Day, nor the next till after Dinner, when several entred into the Field; and Birmartes behav'd himself so Valiantly, that before Night he Vanquisht Twelve, and Fifteen the Day following; so that many had said, they never seen so good a Knight. Now the Duke of Calabria was not yet come, but he Presented himself soon after, Arm'd in Green Armor, and bearing on his Helmet, instead of a Feather, his Mistresses Portraiture.

Then Birmartes, knowing that he had a Valiant Adversary, chose a great Lance, and Marching leisurely, before he began his Carrier, the Duke call'd out to him from afar; saying, By my Head, Sir Knight, I will now make you know, that the Princess Jufaliana, whose Effigies I bear, surpasses in all Beauties her, whom you have so much prais'd.

I know not, answer'd Birmartes how you can verify it: As for me, every one knows, that I should extreamly forget my self, if I should follow this Opinion; and since the Proof lies in the Combat, not in Words, let us see how it will go.

Then they couch'd their Lances, one against the other, and their Meeting was such, that the Duke broke his Spear, even to the Gantlet: Nevertheless, Birmartes Struck him so to the purpose, that he Threw him out of his Saddle to the Ground. And so almuch as the Duke was alony'd, stiring neither Foot nor Hand, the other alighted from his Horse at the End of the Carrier, and Feigning, that he would Cut off his Head, said to him aloud: Knight, confess the Beauty of your Mistress to be nothing in Comparison of Onorias, else you shall Dye presently.

But to these Threats the Duke, tho' he was come to himself, Answer'd him not a Word, but was so Pissented, that he wisht himself already Dead; which some Lord knowing, Requested Birmartes to leave him in Patience, and content himself with his Victory, and the Portraiture of Jufaliana, which he took, and carry'd into his Pavilion, to Accompany the others. In the mean time the Duke got up again, and Return'd Shem'd to his House.

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Then there came into the Field a lusty Knight, sitting so gracefully on his Horse, that 'twas a wonder to see, who addressing himself to Birmartes, thus spake to him: If you do not willingly confess my Mistress to be fairer than yours, I will make you do it by force.

How? answered Birmartes: He, who is just now parted with disgrace, said as much to me not long since, and tho' he should have serv'd you for an Example, you speak as presumptuously, as he did: take heed, fair Sir, lest as much befal you.

At this word they ran so directly one against the other, that their Lances flew into shivers, and they met so violently with Shields and Bodies, that Birmartes lost a Stirrup, and, if he had not caught hold of his Horses Neck, had been thrown to the ground: Nevertheless the other had worse, he and his Horse falling one upon the other. However he got up again, and taking his Sword in his hand, said to Birmartes, who had already turn'd his Bridle: Knight, alight, and GOD forbid, that I should twice, thro' my horses fault, lose the Right of my Enterprise.

Then Birmartes sat foot to ground, and embracing his Shield, there began between them so fierce a Fight, that for the space of an hour or more, it could hardly be judged, who would have the better or the worse. But at the end the Unknown Knight was so out of breath, that he was forc'd to retreat a little back. Which Birmartes seeing, said to him: Indeed, Sir Knight, you take an ill way to make me confess so great a Lye, as you ere-while brag'd, you would: Are you already so tired?

The other, very much vext at this mockery, thus answered him: Sir Knight, you shall know presently. And lifting up his Arm, gave Birmartes such a blow with his Sword, that his eyes sparkled, and their fight began again so fierce, that sometimes Fortune was judg'd to be for the Unknown Knight, and sometimes for Birmartes. Nevertheless the end was such, that Birmartes gain'd the Victory, and the other fell upon the field, so tired, that he was quite spent.

Wherefore Birmartes cast himself lightly upon him, and plucking off his Helmet, perceived that 'twas his Brother Olorius: at which much discontented, as fearing him to be worse than he was, he said to him: Sir Knight, 'tis probable that the Fault of your Mistresses Beauty, and not your want of Prowess, is the cause, of what has befallen you: for otherwise (seeing what I have found in you) 'tis certain, that I should not so lightly have parted out of your hands, as I have done.

Olorius, hearing him speak with so much humility, altho' he was extreamly discontented, thus answered him: As GOD help me, Knight, I can give you no very good Account of my Mistresses Beauty; for I never saw her:

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But I should have considered, what is in you, before my undertaking any thing, at least to avoid the shame, I undergo.

Then he got up, and gave Birmartes his hand to help him: for he was very much wounded: nor was Birmartes much less. Wherefore retiring, the one into the Town, and the other into his Pavilion, they kept their beds fifteen days, before their Wounds were cur'd.

CHAP. LX.

How a strange Knight came to fight with Birmartes; and what befel them.

Birmartes then being cured, and resolving to begin again his Enterprise, there entered into his Pavilion a Damsel, accompany'd by an Esquire, who carried a Casket, closely wrapt up. This Damsel Saluted Birmartes with great Courtesy, and untying the Packet, presented him with a Suit of Armor, as red as blood, and a Shield, having an Elm in a Field, Or, saying to him; Knight us'd to overcome, He, who loves you, and esteems you, for the Prowess that is in you, sends you this Present: And sends you word by me, that at this time you shall not know who he is: But so it is, that this Armor, which he has kept for you, will do you more Service than you think for.

Damsel, my Friend, answered he, I humbly thank the person, who has had so good a Remembrance of me, and esteem this Harness the more, because mine was quite broken. You will be pleas'd to tell him, that, wherever I am, he has in me a Knight very much at his Command.

Then without continuing this Discourse any longer, the Damsel departed from him, leaving him in a deep study, from whom so great a Favour should proceed. And that very day he acquainted the Kings, and the other Lords, that he should be in a readiness, if any one will defend the Honour of his Mistresses Beauty. Wherefore going forth of the Town, they went to the Place appointed, with a great Number of People, whither they were no sooner come, but they perceived a Knight of great Stature, riding towards them, mounted on a Roan Horse, his Armor being Azure, covered with many

ny Stars, and his Shield of the same. In his hand he held a great Lance, which he rested on his Thigh with such a Grace, that nothing could extend it. And to the top of his Helmet was fastned the Portraiture of a Damsel, fair in all Perfection.

In this Equipage did he pass before the Scaffold, on which the Kings were sitting, whom he saluted without discovering himself; and approaching Birmartes, said to him loud enough: Knight, you must grant me, that she, whom you love, no way equals the Lady, whose Figure I bear; else your Head shall do me reason, as a Punishment of your audacious folly in compairing her to a Lady, to whom she deserves not to be so much as a servant.

Birmartes, much displeas'd to hear himself threatned, and his Lady injured, thus answered: Truly, good Sir, you speak very gloriously, and my stay in this place would have been too much in vain, if I should, for your Threats, confess so great a lye: But I hope, before you get from me, to chastise you in such a manner, that you shall be an Example to those, that may come hereafter. And as to my head, I shall keep it better, than you will do yours, as will be seen by the Event.

Then they parted to fetch their Carreer, and ran against each other with such Fury, that they both fell to the Ground, where they lay some time without stirring either hand or foot. And every one began to think them dead, when they got up again, embracing their Shields, and taking their Swords in their hands. Then they began so fierce a Fight, that the sound of their Blows would have made one think, there had been above twenty Knights in Battle, and the Sparks of fire flew in such quantity from their Armor, that the Iron, taken out of the Furnace, and beaten on the Anvil, yields no greater Lustre. But what need is there to number their Blows for the Embellishment of our History? They charg'd each other with so much violence, that, had it not been for the Goodness of their Armor, they had soon made an End of the Combat, with the loss of both their Lives. But seeing that their Swords could not enter, they clos'd body to body, doing their utmost to bring each other to the Ground. In which they prosper as little as before tho' they continu'd in this Estate above two long hours, so that every one thought them faint and out of breath. Nevertheless they soon after knew the contrary: For the two Combatants return'd again to take their Swords, and as if they had done nothing all the day, began again their fight more sharp and dangerous than before. And nevertheless, either for the temper of their Armor, or the thickness and goodness of them, neither of them could draw the least drop of blood from his Adversary.

At which they both wondred, and principally the Knight of the Stars,

who said to the other: As far as I see, Knight, we toil all day without gaining any Advantage, one over the other, since our Swords cut no better: therefore, pray, let us disarm our selves, and to put a more speedy end to this beginning, let us take only Sword and Cloak: for had I thought of what is fallen out, I should have entered otherwise into Fight against you.

When Birmartes heard this Discourse, he very much wondred at his Enemies great Courage, and immediatly doubted, that 'twas he, with whom he had to do upon the Sea, when they were parted. And nevertheless the Arms, he wore, were others, so that he knew him not, and therefore made him this Answer: Knight, since we have began our Fight, we must be fain to end it, and therefore do the best you may: for it cannot be, but that one of us must faint at last.

Well then, said the Knight of the Stars, I thought to have done you a Pleasure.

If then they had before been very careful to do their Duties, they returned to shew themselves yet more earnest, altho' they apparently grew heavier, having already continu'd above five hours without any rest: And moreover the heat of the day was so extreme, that he, who was lightest cloath'd, did perpetually sweat. Which mov'd King Amadis to such compassion, seeing them suffer and endure so much, that he could not forbear saying to the others: On my conscience 'tis great Pity to let two of the best Knights in the world dye, who are so animated one against the other, that the Conqueror will never pardon the Weaker.

Nevertheless he of the Stars gain'd ground by little and little; whence with gayety of heart, shaking his Sword, he cry'd out: Ha! Knight, now I have thee in such a place, that neither by putting out the Torches, nor by force, we can be separated: and thou shalt pay for the foolish words, thou wouldst have maintain'd.

Having said this, he press'd him closer, than he had yet done. Then Birmartes knew by his threats, that he had indeed suspected aright, it being the Knight of the Burning Sword, to whom the Damsel, that he met near Rome, presented the Harness, he now wore, when he was within a days journey of Naples, without declaring from whom; and left him to go to Birmartes with the Vermillion Arms, as you have been told. Now the Sage Alquif foresaw, that these good Knights were to fight the one against the other, and for the Preservation of them both, sent them, what secur'd them: for 'tis certain, that, had it not been for the goodness of their Harness, they had been both slain. But they could not draw any blood, but only bruise one another by the Blows, they mutually interchang'd.

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To return then to our Knights, Birmartes hearing, with whom he had to do, his heart so swell'd, that he thus answer'd the Knight of the Burning Sword: by my head 'tis a great Pleasure to me to know, who thou art, that I may have more occasion to abate thy Arrogance, nor do thou think, that thou hast any Advantage over me: For before the Game is ended, thou shalt find, that I am better able to revenge my self, than thou to threaten.

Having said this word, he rush't upon the other, and struck him so fiercely on the top of his Helmet, that he constrain'd him to put his knee to the ground: but he soon got up again, and in revenge gave his Adversary such a blow in the same place, that his two hands serv'd him for a support on the Glass, tho' he made there no long stay, but resettling his Helmet, they began again better than before: not but there was always discern'd some little Advantage on the side of the Knight of the burning sword. And indeed he was descended of the most illustrious and glorious blood at that day on the Earth, having to his great Grand father King Amadis, who considering that, if he let them Fight any longer, the Death of the other was near, said to the three Kings, which were sitting by him, that 'twas better to go and pray them to part, seeing the great Loss, there would be in losing them.

Which they approv'd, and going down from their Scaffolds, went to the two Knights, who at their coming drew back, and King Amadis, and the King of Sicily address'd themselves to the Knight of the burning sword, to whom they said: Knight, be pleas'd to do so much for our sakes, as to proceed no farther in this Combat: for 'tis not reasonable, that two such gallant men, as you are, should dye on so small an occasion.

He, who presently thought, that by refusing so courteous a Request, made him by such Persons, as they were, particularly by the Father of her, whom he lov'd better than his own soul, he might be blam'd, thus answered them: For certain, my Lords, 'tis grievous for me to retire thus, nevertheless desiring to obey you in all things, let us know, what mine Enemy thinks of it, against whom I am the most unfortunate Knight, that ever was: for this is now the second time, that he has escap'd from me, with more honour, than I desire.

I assure you, said King Amadis, that he will do, what he shall be requested to by the Kings of Naples and Sardinia: Who in the mean time was persuading Birmartes to consent to the same.

To which he willingly gave ear, knowing he had the worst, altho' he barely conceal'd, what he thought of it. And for this Cause he said to them: My Lords, the Quarrel between this Knight and me is such, that I should rather choose to lose my Life, than leave this Combat: but for

your sake, whom I desire to please, I will obey your Command.

So they led him into his Pavilion, leaving the King of great Britain, and Alpatracy with the other, whom Amadis indeed thought to be the Knight of the Burning Sword, and had already acquainted the King of Sicily with his Suspition, of which, that he might know the Truth, he made Alpatracy a sign with his Eye to ask him, who therefore thus spake to the Knight: I desire you, Sir of Courtesy to tell me your Name: For I suspect you to be a Gentleman, whom I greatly love and esteem. And if you are the same, you would be to blame to conceal your self, especially from King Amadis, who has done that in Baba for him, whom I take you to be, that he will be for ever oblig'd to him.

This he said, to draw the secret from the Knight of the burning Sword, what he desir'd: who was at first to astonisht at this News, that he was a long time without answering, and would willingly have discover'd himself, had it not been for the Desire, he had to be revenge'd of Birmartes, wherever he could find him, thinking that he lov'd Lucella.

Wherefore he thus answered the King: Sir I know not, what Love you bear me, nor whom you think me to be; but if you wish me any Good, 'tis not altogether without Reason; since I have all my Life desired to do Service to You, and such as You are. You will therefore be pleas'd to name to me him, for whom you take me, that I may better know who he is.

In good faith, said the King, he is nam'd the Knight of the burning Sword, and I well believe, that you are none of he: For he would never conceal himself from me.

Certainly, Sir answer'd he, 'tis not long, since I left him, and I am so much his Friend, that I desire you for his sake to tell me, what it is, that King Amadis has done for him in Baba, to the end, that, if I find him again, he may have News of it.

Then Alpatracy related to him at large, how Queen Buruca had been accus'd, and what became of it.

Ah! said the Knight of the burning Sword, in the mean time within himself; Traytor Maudan! the Gods have had too much pity of you! for without toiling such a Prince, you deserv'd an Halter.

Nevertheless he gave no knowledge of this Fault, and less of his Person, but thus answer'd King Alpatracy: Sir I am very glad, for the sake of the Knight of the burning Sword, of such good News, with which I will assuredly acquaint him, and that, before it is long: Wherefore your Majesty will be pleas'd to give me leave, assuring you, if I can meet him, that we will bear you Company in the VVar, you undertake, whether

ther against the Emperor, or the King of Metz. In the mean time be pleas'd to pardon me, if I conceal from you at present, who I am: For I resolve not to discover my self, before I have put an End to an Affair, which highly concerns my Honor.

In this manner did he stop the Mouths of these two Princes, who afterward importun'd him no farther, tho' they had kill a Fancy, that 'twas he himself. Nevertheless not willing to constrain him any farther, they thank'd him however for the Succor, he promis'd them. And forasmuch as it began apace to grow dark, and Night was driving away the Day, they seeing the Kings of Sardinia and Naples return from Birmartes's Pavilion, gave him the good night, to go and join themselves with the two others. And they four together took their Way to the Town, and the Knight of the burning Sword went to the Place, whence he parted in the Morning.

CHAP. LXI.

How the Knight of the Burning Sword arriv'd in his Tent, where he had left Alquif's Damsel, by whom he sent a Letter to Magadan, King of Saba, excusing himself from what he had been charg'd with.

SUCH was the Issue of this perilous Combat, as you have heard, at the Return from which the Knight of the Burning Sword, thinking sometimes on his Misfortune in not having been able to Vanquish his Enemy, sometimes on the News of the King of Saba, and the Obligation, in which he found himself indebted to King Amadis, being now sad, then all of a sudden joyful, Rode on to the Place, where he had left Alquif's Damsel. And they two together, that they might not be followed, went to the Place, where he expected to find his Partners, who waited for him. But when the Damsel saw him so pensive, she could not forbear asking him, whence that Melancholy proceeded.

Ah! my great Friend, answer'd he: I was thinking to leave this Countrey, for to go into Saba to find the King, for some News, I have this day heard, which touches me very near. And on the other side, I am force'd to break this Enterprise, being call'd this way to an Affair, on

which my Honor depends: Thus I see my self between two Extremities and know not which I should choose for the best.

If you think good, said she, that I should carry any Message for you to the East, be pleas'd to give me your Bark, and I will go, where you shall command me, and will carry any Letter for you to King Magadan, whom I very well know.

I request it of you, answer'd he, assuring you Damsel, that I will never forget this Courtesy; I will Write then to the King, and to morrow you shall set Sail, if we find our People at the Port.

Discoursing in this manner, they came, where the Bark was, and that very night, the Knight in the Starry Arms; Writ a Letter to King Magadan, the Tenor; whereof follows.

Most High, most Mighty, and most Excellent Prince, if future things were as present to men, as they are unknown to them, there would be few Persons deceiv'd, and fewer Wicked, that could deceive them by giving them false Intelligence: But such a secret being out of our Power, we should (certainly) more fear this malice of men, than Death it self, which can deceive us but once. For that, to which these Traitors and Villains lead us, takes not only away the Life, but the immortal Honour, which every Person of Virtue may acquire, blacking his Reputation and Honour by shameful and lying Stories, with which they feed the ears of those, who hear them. And of this (victorious King) your Majesty can better judge, than any other, having been upon the Point of being reputed an unjust King, by your intending to put the Queen to Death, for the false Accusation, made of her and your loyal subject and servant, the Knight of the Burning Sword. Not, Sir, that I will excuse my self of the Fault, I committed, in absenting my self from your Court according to the Counsel given me by Spauban; for where my Innocence was, Punishment could have no place. And moreover, instead of leaving my honour doubtful by my Flight, I should rather (knowing your Vertue and my Justice) submit my self to your Chastisement, than fearing your Fury, and shunning death, which I deserv'd not, render my self thus suspected of Guilt. Now the Gods, as far, as I understand, have permitted, that the Truth has since been discover'd by the same Person, who had conceal'd it, and the Queens honour and mine restor'd by the invincible Prowess of Amadis, King of Great Britain, who, sustaining my Right, has in your Majesty's Presence slain the Traitor in the plain Field of Battle. And nevertheless, Sir, if there remains in you any spark of Displeasure against your humble servant, I beseech you to forget it, and give me part in your good grace, till such time as I have opportunity to return to your Majesty, which I should have already

already done, had it not been for the Promise, I have made these Kings, here assembled, not to leave them, till the War, they have undertaken against two other Traitors, is at an end. Wherefore you will be pleased to excuse me, who in all humility kiss your Majesties hands.

This Letter being thus written, made up, and well seal'd, he delivered it to the Damsel, whom he took aside, and said to her: Damsel my Friend, since you will do me the favour, to go for me to King Magadan, I beseech you, in presenting to him this Letter, to tell him the occasion of my stay in these Parts: and that, as soon as I shall have an Opportunity, I will not fail to repair to him, and present him with my service, as I am bound. You will see also the Queen and Prince Fulurtin, to whom also I desire you to give my most humble Respects.

Sir, answerd she, I will not fail to do, what you command me; but before my Departure I will acquaint you, that the arms I presented you, was sent you by the Sage Alquif, who loves you, and honours you more, than any Knight he knows. He has charged me to tell you, that your father is a Greek by Nation, and that you are the Issue of a most Illustrious Blood, and herewith content your self: for I can tell you no more, except it be that he sends you word, that before your Departure from Italy, you shall recover one of the things, you held most for lost.

The Knight of the burning Sword was much amaz'd, & more rejoyc'd when he understood, that he was a Gentleman of Great Parentage, and imbracing her, who brought him this good News, said to her: Alas! my great Friend, for Gods sake tell me then my Fathers Name, if you know it. For 'tis the greatest Desire, I have in this world.

Assure your self, answer'd she, if I knew it, it should not be conceal'd from you.

This said, she took leave of him, and embarkt; the Knight intreating her, that she would find Means to bring him back an Answer with all possible Speed. And immediately the Wind blowing the Sails, the Vessel launcht forth into the Deep. And at the same time the Knight of the burning Sword took his way towards Salerm, intending as soon as he had recovered his strength, to find out Birmartes, and fight him to the utmost, whatever should become of it. Whilst he staid there, musing from time to time on what the Damsel had said to him, that his Father was a Native of Greece, he resolved to take this surname from that Country, and also his name from King Amadis, to whom he thought himself more oblig'd, than to all other Men in the World, as having made him recover his Honor. Therefore he will henceforward be in several places called Amadis of Greece.

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CHAP. LXII.

How News came to the Kings, being at Naples, of the great Preparation, made by the Usurper of the Empire, to come and give them Battle at Friuli: And of the Rancounter, they had with the King of Metz.

THE King of Sicily, pretending, as you have heard, to the Kingdom of Metz, had ordinarily spies in the Parts of Gaul, by whom (eight or ten dayes after the Fight, between the two good Knights Birmartes and Amadis of Greece, surnamed formerly the Knight of the burning Sword) he was advertiz'd that the Usurper of the Empire, with his Forces, was, to come and joyn the King of Metz in the plain of Verona, and there to expect King Amadis and his Army. Now the Duke of Lorrain was ally'd to King Amadis, and with all his might supported the Party of the Emperes his Daughter, so that with six thousand fighting Men he hindred, as much as possibly he could, the King of Metz, who intended to pass thro' the Marches of Switzerland, from executing his Designs: For he always coasted him, often constraining him to stay longer in a place, than he desired. This was in part the Cause, that the Army of these Kings, assembled at Naples, went to look for them in Germany, and there to give them Battle: For which purpose 'twas proclaim'd in their Camp, that every one should make himself ready to remove the eighth day following.

During this Time there arriv'd from Spain seven thousand good Souldiers and Knights, which King Brian sent by the Duke of Merida to their Assistance, of whom Olorius had the Command. They then being assembled, Amadis, seing he had no News of the Army, he had sent to raise in Great Britain, resolved notwithstanding to march with his Forces strait to Aquileja, and thence to Marcadi Ancona, coasting always the Venetian Sea, for the greater Conveniente in having Provisions, till he came to Verona, where he had Advice, that the King of Metz was marching, into Germany for to get into Lombardy, and would there entrench himself, expecting the Emperors Forces. Then these Lords assembled in Counsel, and resolved to go and meet him, before the Emperor was got to him: Wherefore they remov'd on the morrow by break of day, and made such haste, that they got into the Mountains, before the King of Metz was aware of it, and surpriz'd him so short, that they presented him the Battle, as it were on the sudden.

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Now he had with him a good Body of Horse, and a great Number of Foot, which the Count of Armignac, and the Dukes of Normandy and Brabant had brought thither, with some Germans out of Mider. The Skirmish was on both sides very fair, and the Fight at last so fierce, that by the help of Birmartes, Florelus, and Amadis of Greece, who came thither unknown, the King of Metz was discomfited, himself and the Earl Armignac slain, together with the Duke of Savona, and his Son: So that had it not been for the favor of the Night, which separated them, the Duke of Normandy, and the rest flying into the thickest part of a great Forest, there had not a Man of them escap'd. Then were Amadis's People constrain'd to retire for the Darkness, and lodg'd in their Enemies Camp, keeping a good Watch; for they were told that the Duke of Normandy was rallying to come and find them again the next day.

Nevertheless it hapned otherwise: For the Duke, who was a discreet and prudent Prince, considering the Wrong, which the deceased King had done the King of Sicily in Usurping the Countrey, that belong'd to Queen Miramynia his Wife, call'd the other Princes and Captains, who were retir'd with him, and remonstrated to them, that 'twould be best for them to send to Alpatracy, and beseech him, that forgetting the Injury, they had done him, he would be pleas'd to receive them into his Favor: And doing this, those of the Kingdom of Metz would take an Oath of Fidelity to him, remaining for ever his humble and obedient Subjects and Vassals: And I, said he, and my Companions will be Friends, Allies, and Confederates, serving, and favoring him against all, especially against the Emperor, who seeing the Treason, he has committed against his rightful Prince and Lord, cannot continue long without falling to ruine.

There was not any one in the Company, who did not willingly give Ear to this Counsel, and the Duke himself was chosen by all to go to the King of Sicilies Camp, and carry him this Message. By Means whereof, soon as the Dawning of the Day began to appear, he took Horse, and accompany'd by the Principal Persons of the Kingdom of *Metz*, came to the Kings Tent, whither they were conducted by those of the Watch, who found him, as he was arming himself. And already were the Souldiers putting themselves in Battalia to go and prosecute their forgoing Victory: But all was stay'd by the coming of this new Embassy, which being heard by Alpatracy, and the other Princes and Lords of the Army, the Offers, they presented, were accepted, the Accord concluded, and Peace secur'd: And before Dinner Alpatracy was thro' all the Army proclaim'd King of Metz and Sicily.

The Emperor, who was that day come to the City of Constance with his Army, was soon advertiz'd of this, wherefore he made haste to hinder the E-

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Army from passing any farther. But they met the eighth day after in the Evening, and the Skirmish began in a Village, where each of the two Armies design'd to take up their Quarters. There many good Knights on both sides ended their dayes, and had not the Night at that time favor'd the King of Sicilies Party, the Germans had gotten the Victory. But fortune turn'd the next day: For Birmartes, Amadis of Greece, Olorious, Don Florelus, Orizenes and Bravatus, Sons to the Queens Calafia, and Pintequinestra, drew up, and being accompany'd with many good Knights and Souldiers, allwn as they could see, whom to strike, fiercely set upon their Enemies. Now whilst they were in the head of the Fight, there came an Express to the Emperour, which brought him News, that the City of Mentz was taken by assault, the Garrison put to the Sword, and the Widow of the deceas'd Emperor taken out of the Prison, to which she had been confin'd.

And believe it, Sir said the Messenger, that all this has been done by the Earl of Flanders: For I saw him there, accompany'd by above two thousand Knights.

This News indeed did not much please the Emperor, nor those, that heard it: and the Rumor of it ran so thro' all the Camp, that many (even the most part) lost their hearts, and without being pursu'd, fled strait to the City of Constance. Nevertheless the Emperor cease'd not to make head against King Amadis, and the Fight on both sides was so fierce, that the Emperor himself was slain on the Place, together with the Duke of Saxony, the Earl of Merida, his Son, and several Lords and Princes, with so many other People of all sorts, that the Bodies were in blood above the Pasters. But the Emperors Death struck such a Terror into his Army, that they were immediatly discomfited, and turning their backs, fled with all speed towards Constance, where they inclos'd themselves, leaving behind them above ten thousand dead in the Field. And that very night was the City besieg'd, which, being briskly assaulted the next day, and as well defended, could not be taken till the fourth Assau't, when it was Seal'd, and Amadis's Troops got into it by force, putting all they found in it to the Sword, without sparing any living soul. These Germans being thus vanquisht and defeated, King Amadis return'd to the Field, where the Battle had been the day before, and there saw'd the Bodies of the Usurper and his Kinsmen to be sought for, and being found, to be hang'd by the necks, and then burnt by a gentle Fire in punishment of the Treason he had committed on the Person of the Emperor, his Brother-in-law, and his Son in law Dinerpius. Which he immediatly w it to Queen Oriana, assuring her, that he would return to her, as soon as he had restor'd the Empress to her Liberty, and setled her in the full Possessions of her Estate.

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CHAP. LXIII.

How the City of Mentz was taken by Assault, and by whom.

YOU have been told, if you remember, how Guillan, Duke of Bristow, and Angriote d' Estravaux, great Peers of the Realm of Great Britain, accompany'd by the Duke of Cornwal, and a great Number of Warriers, Knights, Esquiers, and Soldiers, embark'd near London, and following the Command of the King their Maker, made strait towards Naples, where he was getting together a great Army, for to recover the State of the Empire, and revenge the Death of the murther'd Emperor, and his Son-in-law Dinerpius. They had a very fair wind for four days together: but on the fifth there arose such a Tempest, that there was left them neither Mast, Sail, nor Rope, they could make use of: So that, whether they would or no, they were driven on the Coast of Flanders, where they took Port, as well for the repairing of their Vessels, as to rest themselves a little after the Toil, they had suffer'd.

Of which the Earl of Flanders having notice, and having a Desire to shew himself the Friend and good Ally of King Amadis, came to receive them, and so perswaded them to enter into Germany, that they resolv'd to go strait to the City of Mentz, and take it by Assault, whilst the Emperor was hurried in getting ready his Army to go against the Princes, assembled at Naples. So well did they execute their Resolution, and kept themselves so secret and concealed, that they were as soon at the Gates of the Town, as they within had News of their Design. Nevertheless the Alarm grew hot, and those within found means to let down their Port-cullices, so that the Resistance was strong, and dangerous. But if the Defence was vigorous, the Assault was no less so: for the second time the Knights of great Britain, bowing down their Heads, break into their Enemies, of whom they made such a furious Slaughter, that few or none escap'd. Then they went to the Tower, where the Bodies of the Emperor and Dinerpius were hanging, which they carry'd ceremoniously into the principal Church, and there burry'd them with great Magnificence. Then they set the Empress at liberty, and brought her very honourably to the Palace, where she was acquainted with the Execution and Slaughter, made of the Traitors, at which she was a little comforted, excellently regretting the Death of her Husband and Children, and the loss of her other Friends. But they assur'd her, that

the Princess her Mother Elisa, and her Daughter, were with her Daughter-in-law King Amadis: whom that GOD would not forsake her, letting the good beginning of Victory, they had obtain'd. And because they were assured, that the Emperor was marching in great haste to meet King Amadis, and his Forces, they would not stay above two days at Mentz, where they left a good Garrison. And going strait towards Constance, they had News of the Emperors Defeat the night before their coming, which gave them such a Relief to visit their Friends, that they got to them early the next day. Now the most part of the Princes kept their Beds for some wounds, they had receiv'd: but the coming of these Lords from Great Britain gave them such Joy, that they were in a short time cur'd. The Empress also came thither, and was receiv'd by them all, as the Greatness of her Quality required, not without many tears shed, and several Regrets of her Husband's Loss, she had suffer'd, which increas'd much more, when she saw her Daughter in-law Brisenna, whom Amadis and Gandalin had rescued out of the Pirates Hands, as you have been told. Thus some days pass'd, during which the Kings provided for the most necessary Affairs of the Empire and Barmartes took leave of them, to finish his Enterprise, according to the Promise he had sworn to Onoria, Daughter to the King of Apolonia. Wherefore we will in this place put an End to our Discourse, leaving the Remainder to a Second Part, which we shall soon bring to light, if we receive Encouragement by your favourable Acceptance of this.

THE END.
